

Luverne

Dollars for Scholars.

2026 Community Scholarship
AWARDS BOOKLET

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Luverne Dollars for Scholars is a locally run, non-profit organization promoting post-secondary education by providing scholarships to graduating seniors from Independent School District No. 2184. It is an affiliate of Scholarship America and the local chapter was organized on December 6, 1983. The sole purpose of the organization is to raise money for its endowment fund and to annually disperse the earnings in the form of scholarships to Luverne High School graduates.

The success of Luverne Dollars for Scholars is the direct result of many generous donations from Luverne graduates and community members. Since December 1983, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has been the recipient of 328 perpetual scholarships with a total endowment of almost \$9.9 million. For more information on establishing a perpetual scholarship, see page 39.

Applicants for a Luverne Dollars for Scholars award are evaluated on the following criteria: academic performance, scholastic aptitude, work experience, school activity and community involvement. Since the first awards in May of 1984 through 2025, scholarships totaling \$7,700,975 have been awarded to 2,294 students. This school year, Luverne Dollars for Scholars is awarding \$614,500 in scholarships to qualifying Luverne High School graduates from the Class of 2026.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Zander Carbonneau

Amount: \$16,250

Francis Jarchow Memorial Scholarship
Gregg Gropel Scholarship
Norma Jauert Severson Memorial Scholarship
Oldre Brothers Honorary Scholarship
Stephen Gits Memorial Scholarship
Herreid Brothers Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Hannah Kempema

Amount: \$16,250

Alice (Hoiland) Larson Health Career Scholarship
Brooke Elizabeth Thompson Scholarship
Howard H. & Donna Lou Schmidt Music Scholarship
Tri-State Band Festival Scholarship
Curt Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Witte Family Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Makayla Oechsle

Amount: \$14,250

Carl Husen Memorial Scholarship
Donald Deutsch Memorial Scholarship
Katherine Enger Franklin Scholarship
Lynette (Noll) Medellin Scholarship
Steve Nath Memorial Scholarship
Wayne C. Tilstra Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Hannah Woodley

Amount: \$14,250

Curt Laudon, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Albert Bot Memorial Scholarship
Golla Family Scholarship
K.M. & Lucille Getman Music Scholarship
Robert & Patricia Hendricks Family Scholarship
Nathan Skattum Memorial Scholarship
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship

Connor Bose

Amount: \$13,750

Arthur & Myrtle Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Reverend Martin & Emma Hauser Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Scholarship
Luverne Alumni Scholarship - Boy
Ralph & Ruth Herreid Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1983 Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Tyler Hodge

Amount: \$13,500

Edward & Joan Salzer Family Scholarship
Agnes Husen Memorial Scholarship
Andy Gabrielson "Find the Tornado" Scholarship
Class of 1950 Scholarship
Daniel Fritz Memorial Scholarship
Luverne Eagles Club Scholarship
Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Ella Hoogendoorn

Amount: \$13,250

Herman & Genevieve Goehle Memorial Scholarship
Herbert & Gertrude (Petersen) Kiebach Memorial Scholarship
Miss Hannahs Memorial College Fund
Marilyn Wethor Memorial Scholarship
Rodger & Dianne Ossenfort Family Scholarship
Ron & Anita Boyenga Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Jessika Tunnissen

Amount: \$13,000

Helen Rathjen Steinfeldt Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Enger Remme Memorial Education Scholarship
Bill & Joyce Turner Sexton Scholarship
Luethje Family Scholarship
Norman & Louise Vegge Family Scholarship
Shirley Klosterbuer Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Anna Banck

Amount: \$12,750

Audrey Oakland Wildung Memorial Scholarship
Dallas & Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship
James Harner School Administration Scholarship
Jon & Jeanne Luebke Teaching Scholarship
Susan Gramstad Scholarship
Class of 1984 Scholarship
Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Mulder

Amount: \$12,250

Carrie Christine Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Delores Harner Special Education Scholarship
Jerry Benson Scholarship
Jim & Mavis Hamann Scholarship
John & Sally Rath Memorial Scholarship
Talbert Family Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Gabriella Nath-Huls

Amount: \$12,000

Jerry P. Kozney, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Daniella "Dafani" Gacke Memorial Scholarship
Luverne Softball Association Legacy Scholarship
Mary Freeburn Torrison Scholarship
Class of 1967 Scholarship
Mark Smith Memorial Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Jordyn Reisch

Amount: \$12,000

Jerry & Clara Getman Memorial Scholarship
Joan Moeller Shelton Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Sedlacek Memorial Scholarship
American Legion Arthur Moeller Post 478 (Hardwick)
Sandra Stoakes Hohn Scholarship
Class of 2005 Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Ella Monier **Amount: \$11,750**

Dean & Alta Jorgenson Scholarship
Donald B. Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Fred & Evelyn Herman Memorial Scholarship
Luverne Optimist Club Scholarship
Marion Frakes Memorial Scholarship
Walter & Betty Deutsch Family Scholarship
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship

Addyson Mann **Amount: \$11,500**

Calvin & Katie Hemme Scholarship
Gene Bendix Memorial Scholarship
Dolly Talbert Memorial Scholarship
Keitel Kids Scholarship
Clausen Family Scholarship
Class of 2006 Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Madison Schepel **Amount: \$11,500**

Helmer & Joan (Serie) Haakenson Family Scholarship
Conrad Winge Family Scholarship
Curt & Kay Vining Scholarship
John & Henrietta Top Memorial Scholarship
Steve & Shirley Top Family Scholarship
Class of 2007 Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Ava Sieve **Amount: \$11,250**

David L. Eberlein Scholarship
Gordon "Swede" Lucylle "Tillie" & William "Bill" Jarchow Schol
Larry & Janice Nelson Scholarship
Class of 1968 Scholarship
Mark Eidahl Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Julia Beyer **Amount: \$11,000**

Darlene Boisen Memorial Scholarship
Darrell M. Schmidt Future Educators Scholarship
Harry & Emma Goehle Franz Memorial Scholarship
Jim Boeve Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1961 Scholarship
Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship

Ella Schmuck **Amount: \$11,000**

"TK" Thomas Klein Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Ervin & Evelyn Boone Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Klein "Assist" Scholarship
Luverne Education Association Scholarship
Onno & Mildred Klosterbuer Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Jenna Bullerman **Amount: \$10,750**

Anders & Oline Anderson Family Scholarship
Gordon Gits Memorial Scholarship
Jim Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Toft Family Scholarship
Class of 1966 Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Fox Forrest **Amount: \$10,750**

Forrest Family Scholarship
Bob Rogness Scholarship
Carlis M. Anderson Music Education Scholarship
Ferd & Marian Luebke Memorial Scholarship
Walgrave Family Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Rebecca Hoogland **Amount: \$10,750**

Ange Mohr Patton Memorial Scholarship
Ken & Becky Husen Family Scholarship
Dale L Haggard Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1951 Scholarship
Norma Gangestad Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Kasey Buss **Amount: \$10,250**

David Hoiland Memorial Scholarship
Calene Birky Williams Scholarship
Class of 1956 Scholarship
Delbert Jessen Memorial Scholarship
Louise Berg Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Jaydon Johnson **Amount: \$10,250**

Bradley Deutsch Memorial Scholarship
Dave Lammert Memorial Scholarship
Richard "Dick" Wildung Memorial Scholarship
Ron Visker Memorial Scholarship
High School Student Council Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Maddux Domagala **Amount: \$9,750**

Craig Becker Memorial Scholarship
Del & Eileen Domagala Family Scholarship
Glens Food Center Scholarship
Marlene Mann Memorial Scholarship
Class of 2008 Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Logan Mann **Amount: \$9,750**

Burdette Hollister Memorial Scholarship
Elmer & Frances Drost Scholarship
Jarvis Boisen Memorial Scholarship
Terry "Butch" Connell Memorial Scholarship
Verlyn & Betty Mann Scholarship
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship

Isabella Benson **Amount: \$9,250**

John Getman Memorial Scholarship
Everett & Jan Brandenburg Family Scholarship
Class of 1953 Scholarship
Randy Scott Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Sisters Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Gavin Hoven **Amount: \$9,250**

Grace Fink Memorial Scholarship
Gary H. Petersen Memorial Scholarship
Gerald & Lois Lorenzen "Silent Hero" Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1992 Scholarship
Lowell Binford Memorial Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Elijah Henrichs **Amount: \$9,000**

Hardwick State Bank Scholarship
Class of 1972 Scholarship
Jane Gropel Memorial Scholarship
Mary Christensen Blake Memorial Scholarship
Mary Goheen Music Appreciation Scholarship
Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship

Greta McClure **Amount: \$9,000**

E. Curtis Aanenson Family Scholarship
Harvey Eitrem Memorial Scholarship
Pat Smedsrud DPT Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1964 Scholarship
Bob & Rhonna Jarchow Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Nardy Merida **Amount: \$9,000**

Elmer & Martha Piepgras Memorial Scholarship
Florence Sodemann Scholarship
Carol Giles De Wispelaere Memorial Scholarship
Mari Prill Memorial Scholarship
Roxanne Holtrop Memorial Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Kianna Winter **Amount: \$9,000**

Jacqueline Nolte Jones Memorial Scholarship
American Legion Dell Hogan Post 123 and Auxiliary (Luverne)
Clifford J Boom Memorial Scholarship
Ron Klein Memorial Scholarship
Steven Helle Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Emma Saarloos **Amount: \$8,750**

Class of 1949 Scholarship
Lon Hitch Memorial Scholarship
Marlyn & Karen Roberts Family Scholarship
Paul Iverson & Ruth Nelson Iverson Memorial Scholarship
Tangeman Family Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Clay Thedens **Amount: \$8,750**

Glaser Family Scholarship
Hal Wildung Music Scholarship
Class of 1973 Scholarship
Marlin Spangrud Scholarship
Security Savings Bank Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Brooke Vos **Amount: \$8,750**

Charles Weinman Memorial Scholarship
G. V. Wethor Scholarship
Main Street Financial Services Scholarship I
Peg Hoiland Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Class of 2009 Scholarship
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship

Bergen Ask **Amount: \$8,500**

Frederick II & Lillian Haggard Willrett Scholarship
Class of 1963 Scholarship
Luverne Chapter #47 Order of Eastern Star Scholarship
Wulf Family Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Zoey Smeins **Amount: \$8,500**

Dr. Albert C. Martin & Dorothy Brown Martin Memorial
Dispanet Family Scholarship
Rock County V.F.W. Post 2757 Scholarship
Class of 2010 Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Jocelyn Altman **Amount: \$7,750**

Avis Hazelton Scholarship
Luverne Rotary Club Scholarship
Mary & Dick Meyer Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1987 Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Rhiannon Bartels **Amount: \$7,750**

Elaine Reker Memorial Scholarship
George & Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship
Menage Family Scholarship
Class of 2011 Scholarship
Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Hansen **Amount: \$7,750**

Gordon Overgaard Memorial Scholarship
Henry & Mabel Anderson Hengeveld Scholarship
Ralph & Marian Savage Memorial Scholarship
Allen W. Pierson Memorial Scholarship
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

Riley Karges-Ripka **Amount: \$7,750**

Naidine (Wulf) Aanenson Memorial Scholarship
Peggy Gabrielson Roeder Memorial Scholarship
Virgil & Ilse Thompson and Sons Scholarship
Class of 2012 Scholarship
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Jaxon Lais **Amount: \$7,750**

Ryan Fisher Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Mulder Unsung Hero Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1965 Scholarship
Coach Arling "Andy" Anderson Scholarship
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship

Caleb Kracht	Amount: \$7,500	Thomas Held	Amount: \$5,750
Dianne Heckt Carlson Memorial Scholarship Class of 1981 Scholarship Haakenson Family Memorial Scholarship Sherman Family Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		Lawrence & Millicent Marsden Memorial Scholarship Pam Ehde Lais Memorial Scholarship Lester & Mary Sue Tollefson Memorial Scholarship Class of 2016 Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Landyn Lais	Amount: \$7,500	Dawson Holtz	Amount: \$5,750
John & Carol Reimer Memorial Scholarship Bill Beimers Memorial Scholarship Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship Serie-Skattum Family Scholarship Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship		Jake & Viola Schoon Family Scholarship Oscar Helle Memorial Scholarship Stegenga Family Farms Scholarship Tim Palank Memorial Scholarship Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship	
Blake Sauer	Amount: \$7,500	Treven Bell	Amount: \$5,500
Erling & Anna Tofteland Family Scholarship Jono Bot Memorial Scholarship Nathan Wynia Memorial Scholarship Class of 1971 Scholarship Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship		Gregg Nath Memorial Scholarship Henry & Olga Kuhlmann Memorial Scholarship Class of 1979 Scholarship Lions 92 Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Allie Kracht	Amount: \$7,250	Trayton Sayavong	Amount: \$5,500
Jessie Hagedorn Haggard Memorial Scholarship Norman Torrison Trust Scholarship Richard & Betty Torrison Scholarship Luverne Alumni Scholarship - Girl Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		Ann Torrison Whalen Memorial Scholarship First National Bank & Trust Scholarship VanEngelenhoven-Prigge Scholarship Class of 2017 Scholarship Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship	
Austin Sandbulte	Amount: \$7,250	Jace Tofteland	Amount: \$5,500
Jim & Ellen Cinkle Family Scholarship Rock County V.F.W. Post 2757 Auxiliary Scholarship Dr. Joseph & Ruth Okarski Memorial Scholarship Class of 2013 Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		Cammy & Richard Iverson Scholarship Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship Okie & Cleone Honken Memorial Scholarship Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship	
Alexis Hultgren	Amount: \$7,000	Levi Huisman	Amount: \$5,250
Elden Esterly Memorial Scholarship Audrey Conrad Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship Edwin & Donna Deutsch Family Scholarship Lloyd D. Long Family Memorial Scholarship Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship		Bonnie Muller Memorial Scholarship Clarence & Evelyn Thode Memorial Scholarship Robert & Judith Latham Memorial Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Dayson Fritz	Amount: \$6,500	Xander Remme	Amount: \$5,250
Jerry Jensen Scholarship Class of 1962 Scholarship Steve Hup Memorial Scholarship Vickie (Lass) Van Dyke Memorial Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		John & David Buffington Memorial Scholarship Verna Lou Shelby Hoiland Memorial Scholarship Class of 2014 Scholarship Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship	
Samuel Hinz	Amount: \$6,500	Hadley Vanderburg	Amount: \$5,250
Bev & Virg Christensen Family Scholarship Bill & Mert Mohr Family Scholarship Tony Scheidt Memorial Scholarship Class of 2015 Scholarship Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship		Charles VandeVelde Memorial Scholarship "Sunny" Turner Haggard Memorial Scholarship Mort B. & Mildred P. Skewes Memorial Scholarship Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship	
		Zeke Frahm	Amount: \$5,000
		Barbara A. Bot Scholarship Johnson Family Scholarship Quality Printing Scholarship Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	

Mason Shaffner	Amount: \$5,000	Aaron Kindt	Amount: \$4,500
Lee Petersen Memorial Scholarship		Ford Family Scholarship	
Bud Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship		Lawrence Hamann Scholarship	
Marcus J. Emery Memorial Scholarship		Margaret Vegge Memorial Scholarship	
Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship		Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Blake Swenson	Amount: \$5,000	Adelyn Rodriguez	Amount: \$4,250
Lammert & Tillie Van Hove Scholarship		Daryl Klein Memorial Scholarship	
Stager Family Scholarship		Russell M. Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship	
Main Street Financial Services Scholarship II		Ben Franklin Lodge Scholarship (Luverne)	
Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship		Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship	
Lucas Brockberg	Amount: \$4,750	Brody Goemmel	Amount: \$4,000
John I. Holsen Memorial Scholarship		Karl & Annie Honken Koll Memorial Scholarship	
New Horizon Farms LLP/New Horizon Feeds LLC		Bryan Fransen Memorial Scholarship	
A.M. Anderson Family Scholarship		Class of 2018 Scholarship	
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Jude Hoven	Amount: \$4,750	Brady Palaschak-Smeins	Amount: \$3,750
Ebert Family Scholarship		Laura "Ma" Finberg - Audrey Smeins Poppen Scholarship	
Gerald & Lois Lorenzen Agricultural Memorial Scholarship		Burmeister Endowed Scholarship	
Steve & Shirley Top Sibling Scholarship		Minnwest Bank Scholarship	
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship		Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship	
Paula Martinez Penuelas	Amount: \$4,750	Jace Rozeboom	Amount: \$3,750
Gladys Severson Scholarship		Carson Ehde Memorial Scholarship	
Class of 1957 Scholarship		First Dakota Trust & Investments Scholarship	
V. Jean (Soutar) Hoffmeister Memorial Scholarship		Steve & Shirley Top Parent Scholarship	
Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship		Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship	
Katelynn Van Belle	Amount: \$4,750	Shane Travis	Amount: \$3,500
Class of 2004 Scholarship		Geneva, Eileen & Carol Engebretson Memorial Scholarship	
Siebert Family Scholarship		Kurt & Dorothy Petersen Memorial Scholarship	
Lloyd & Ruth Dietrich Schlapkohl Memorial Scholarship		US Bank Scholarship	
Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship		Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship	
Aaliyah Xaysongkham	Amount: \$4,750	James DeBates	Amount: \$3,250
Emily Mattheisen Memorial Scholarship		Laura Frakes Memorial Scholarship	
Evan VerSteege Memorial Scholarship		Rock County Pheasants Forever Scholarship	
Roger McClure Memorial Scholarship		Class of 1954 Scholarship	
Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship		Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship	
Zander Fountain	Amount: \$4,500	Ashlie Gonzalez	Amount: \$3,250
Ernie Dahlberg Memorial Scholarship		Class of 1940 Scholarship	
Richard "Dick" & Sue Buffington Memorial Scholarship		First Farmers & Merchants Bank Scholarship	
Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship		Polzin Family Scholarship	
Abner & Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship		Vernon Aanenson Family Scholarship	

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A. M. Anderson Family Scholarship

The Alfred M. Anderson Family Scholarship was established in 1997 by a daughter, Mary Anderson Lerza, in memory of the Anderson family and its long association with Luverne. Alfred M. Anderson was a veterinarian in Luverne for 46 years. He was born in Denmark in 1891, and came to the United States in 1899. He attended public schools in Clay County, Iowa, and then graduated from the Chicago School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Anderson married Nora Clarke in 1915 in North Dakota. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Luverne, where Dr. Anderson established his longtime veterinary practice. He was a charter member of the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party, served as president of the Minnesota Veterinary Association and was a member of the Luverne City Council. Nora Clarke Anderson, who was active in church and community affairs, died in 1939. Dr. Anderson died in 1977. They had six children: a son, James, died in childhood. The other five children, all Luverne High School graduates, are Mary (Lezra), '34; Chris, '37; Margaret (Campbell), '39; Alyce (Saucer), '46; and Alfred, '48.

Abner and Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship

Ellamae Appel Josendahl, a former teacher in the Luverne Elementary School, was known as Miss Appel to the school's first grade children for the first 15 years of her career, and as Mrs. Josendahl for the next eleven years. Ellamae, who attended school in Butterfield, Minn., earned her teaching degree at Mankato State University. Her first and only teaching position was with the Luverne school system, entering the community in 1960 and retiring in 1986. In 1974, Ellamae married the late Abner Josendahl. Abner grew up in Rock County, graduated from Hills High School in 1935, and went on to school at Luther College where he earned a degree in math and economics. Shortly after college, Abner returned to the Rock County area where he farmed for the rest of his life. Abner passed away in 2005. The first Abner and Ellamae Appel Josendahl Scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Agnes Husen Memorial Scholarship

Before graduating from LHS in 1928, she was known as Agnes Blinson. In 1930, she married Carl Husen and together they raised four children, all LHS graduates — Donald, '49, Raymond, '52, James, '54, and Ken, '63. As many older graduates may recall, Agnes was the head cook in the school's hot-lunch program for many years. Agnes was very fond of the Adopt-a-Grandparent program, enjoyed baking, liked playing cards, and had fun working on crafts. She passed away on July 22, 2001. The Agnes Husen Memorial was established in 2002 by family members.

Albert Bot Memorial Scholarship

Al Bot and his wife Barbara moved to Luverne in 1955 where they raised their five children. Al and Barbara met in college at South Dakota State University where Al was studying Pharmacy. Al was owner of Bot Drug Store on Main Street for 34 years until his retirement in 1990. Al and Barbara were very active in the community, church and school. Al served on the Luverne School Board for 13 years. The Bot children all graduated from Luverne High School (KrisAnne 1971; Robin 1973; Jono 1974; Connie 1977; Jennifer 1986). Al passed away in 2016 at the age of 94 and Barbara passed away in 2023 at the age of 96. College Education was very important to Al and Barbara. They encouraged their children and many other young people to graduate from college. Scholarships have been established by the Bot family for both Al

and Barbara Bot. The family requests, whenever possible, to award the Albert Bot Memorial Scholarship to a student with exemplary academics who plans to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.

Alice (Hoiland) Larson Health Career Scholarship

Alice (Hoiland) Larson (Luverne High School 1951) was born in Luverne and grew up on a farm east of town across from the Luverne Country Club. She loved her childhood on the farm with her brothers, David and Stephen, and her sister, Laura. Alice went to the University of Minnesota in 1952 to study nursing. She said it was an exciting time to be in medicine; as a student she was able to witness the miracle of open-heart surgery. After graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1956, Alice began her career as a hospital nurse. Later she became a school nurse with the Bloomington Public Schools. The Larson family wishes, whenever possible, that this scholarship be used to support a deserving student pursuing a career in healthcare.

Allen W. Pierson Memorial Scholarship

Allen W. Pierson loved baseball, posting a 15 and 1 pitching record over a three-year career with Hopkins High School, Hopkins, Minnesota. His outstanding record with the Royals, along with his talent and enthusiasm for the game, earned him a baseball scholarship with St. Cloud State University. Allen graduated from Hopkins High School in 1988. In 1990, at the age of 20, Allen died in a motorcycle accident. Shortly thereafter LHS graduates Wesley Pierson and Patti Kirby Pierson established this scholarship in their son's memory, awarding the scholarship to a player on the Hopkins High School baseball team. After self-administering the scholarship for several years, the Piersons presented the scholarship to Luverne Dollars for Scholars in 2006. The award will be given to a high school baseball player who most closely resembles those attributes and characteristics exhibited by Allen in this sport.

American Legion Arthur Moeller Post 478 (Hardwick)

Members of the American Legion Post, Hardwick, established the American Legion Arthur Moeller Post 478 scholarship to assist a graduating Luverne High School senior with his or her post secondary education endeavors.

American Legion Dell Hogan Post 123 and Auxiliary (Luverne)

The recipient is determined by the Dollars for Scholars criteria. However, in the event of a tie, the award is to go to the student, if possible, whose parent served in the armed forces.

Anders and Oline Anderson Family Scholarship

Norwegian immigrants, Anders and Oline (Iveland) Anderson established their home on a farm four miles south of Luverne in the late 1800's. Born to them were one son and six daughters. They were Sena (Anderson) Severtson, Selmer Anderson, Gena (Anderson) Dibbern, Louise (Anderson) Pierson, Anna (Anderson) Beatty, Effie (Anderson) Stroh, and Helen (Anderson) Lunde. All were born and raised on this Rock County farm (which is still farmed by a grandson), and attended rural School District #4W. The six daughters went on to become teachers in rural Rock County schools until they were married. The two oldest girls, Sena and Gena, received their teaching education at Lutheran Normal School (Augustana) in Sioux Falls following eighth grade. Sena graduated in 1914 and Gena in 1918. The other girls received their teaching

education at the Luverne High School Normal Department. Louise and Anna (twins) were in the class of 1921, Effie in the class of 1923, and Helen in the class of 1925. Eight of their children also become teachers. This family is being honored by establishing a scholarship in their memory. The recipient of this scholarship is determined by using Dollars for Scholars criteria, giving preference to a student choosing to go into the field of education. The first scholarship was awarded in 2005.

Andy Gabrielson “Find the Tornado” Scholarship

Andy Gabrielson, the son of Greg and Joanne Gabrielson, was always fascinated by weather, even at a young age. He took this passion for weather and turned it into a profession. In Andy’s short seven years of filming, recording, and reporting severe weather, he became one of the most recognized and respected weather videographer in the world. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in weather. The first Andy Gabrielson “Find the Tornado” scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Ange Mohr Patton Memorial Scholarship

In memory of their beloved sister, Ange Mohr Patton, a 1954 LHS graduate, ten brothers and sisters and their families established this scholarship in February, 2005. “So infectious was Ange’s laughter!” wrote a sibling. “She was always there to help one see the brighter side. . . . She loved to make things fun!” Ange was extremely proud of her educational accomplishment, graduating in 1957 as a registered nurse. After several years of working as a nurse, Ange chose to work for her husband, Ned, in his accounting business. However, her gift of caring lived on in love, comforting, and nurturing those whose lives she touched. She even had an extra special place in her heart for animals. “One of Ange’s greatest joys in life,” a family member wrote, “was giving. What a joy it would bring to Ange to know that her gift lives on; that her scholarship would be helping a Luverne Dollars for Scholars recipient pursue a degree in either nursing or veterinary science.”

Ann Torrison Whalen Memorial Scholarship

Ann Torrison Whalen, a 1951 LHS graduate, attended and graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1955, and later completed a master’s degree program at USD in 1958. Ann, a teacher, taught in Brainerd, MN, Salem, SD, and later in Pipestone, MN—until four girls came along. Ann passed away July 8, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Wahlen. Ron served as the band director in Flandreau, SD, and later, in Madison, SD. She is survived by her brother, Norman Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, and four daughters, three of whom are teachers. The first Ann Torrison Whalen Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2008.

Arthur and Myrtle Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Art and Myrtle Thompson moved to Luverne in 1944 and lived in and around Luverne until 1991. During this period of time they raised a family of six children, five of which graduated from Luverne High School. Both Art and Myrtle had close connections to Luverne Public Schools. Art drove a school bus for a number of years for the school district, and he also spent time working as a custodian in the high school. Myrtle also worked for the Luverne school. She spent twelve years working in the high school cafeteria. Art passed away on September 6, 1996, in Weslaco, Texas. Myrtle passed away on March 12, 2008, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The first Arthur H. and Myrtle L. Thompson Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2009.

Audrey Conrad Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship

The Audrey Conrad Gabrielson Memorial scholarship was established by Audrey’s family and friends in her memory. Audrey, the 1943 LHS salutatorian, received a scholarship as a result of her achievement. However, due to the inability to access additional funding, she was unable to pursue her dream of a college education. As a result of her dilemma, the recipient, if possible, is to be a student whose parents did not have the opportunity to attend college.

Audrey Oakland Wildung Memorial Scholarship

A lifelong member of Luverne, Audrey Oakland Wildung, passed away on April 11, 2007. Audrey and her husband, Robert Wildung, owned and operated the Luverne Style Shop for many years. After Robert’s death in 1971, Audrey continued operating the business until March, 2007, when she retired. Throughout Audrey’s life and business career, Audrey was an avid community booster, supporting many of its causes. The entire Wildung family were LHS graduates. Audrey, received her diploma in 1945 and Robert in 1937. Their four children, Jane, Wendy, Jill, and Jon, graduated in ’71, ’72, ’76, and ’79, respectively. The first Audrey Wildung Memorial was awarded May, 2008.

Avis Hazleton Scholarship

Avis Hazelton, a 1919 LHS graduate, passed away February 26, 2004, at the age of 102. Avis, a former educator in her earlier career, was as a charter member on Luverne school’s community education board in 1979. Prior to her death Avis set aside a certain sum of money for the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program.

Barbara A. Bot Scholarship

This scholarship is in the name of our mother, Barbara A. Bot. Barbara was a wonderful friend and mother who believed it was important to be well-rounded and actively involved in her community. She valued education, music, faith, philanthropy adventure and kindness/acceptance of all people. Whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to a student who is majoring in music or the arts.

Ben Franklin Lodge Scholarship (Luverne)

Continuing its nearly 140-year-record of supporting the community of Luverne and Rock County, the Ben Franklin Lodge established the scholarship with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars organization in late 2012. Since its original dispensation on February 9, 1874, the Ben Franklin Lodge has supported numerous organizations, charities and individuals throughout the area. Dedicated to an ideal of making the community a better place to live for everyone, the members of Ben Franklin Lodge request that its scholarship, whenever possible, be awarded to a student who shares those same ideals and who is a family member of a current or past Mason. The first Ben Franklin Lodge Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Bev & Virg Christensen Family Scholarship

The Bev & Virg Christensen Family Scholarship was established by Virg Christensen in January, 2017 following Bev’s death in December, 2016. Bev & Virg were longtime residents of Luverne and both were active in the community. Bev served on several boards and participated in many volunteer activities. In addition to being on many board and committees, Virg, acting through Christensen Corporation, built many of the buildings in Luverne, too numerous to mention. This scholarship is established and

created in recognition and appreciation of the education their seven children, all Luverne graduates, (Carol '69, Paula '71, David '74, Carla '78, Jolene '81, Jayne '84, Mark '85) received in the Luverne school system.

Bill Beimers Memorial Scholarship

Bill Beimers, who passed away in 2021, was a long-time administrator and teacher at the Blue Mound Vocational Center in Luverne, and also taught auto mechanics and auto body in Blue Earth and Tyler. To honor Bill's commitment to and enthusiasm for vocational education, his family created this memorial scholarship to support students pursuing post-secondary vocational and technical education.

Bill and Joyce Turner Sexton Scholarship

Joyce Turner Sexton, a 1953 LHS graduate, and her husband, Bill, a Jasper High School graduate, established the Bill and Joyce Turner Sexton Scholarship in the fall of 1996. The scholarship is a small token of their appreciation for the great years they had while growing up in the area. Said Joyce, "We are firm believers in giving back to the community. Establishing a perpetual scholarship for the graduates of LHS is one way we can continually give back to the community."

Bill & Mert Mohr Family Scholarship

Bill and Mert Mohr raised eleven children in Luverne and they realized the tremendous value of education beyond high school. Bill was a civil engineer and was the owner of an engineering firm in Luverne for many years. Mert was a stay at home mom who prompted and encouraged her children to seek post high school education. The recipient will be chosen by the Dollars for Scholars committee for post high school education. This scholarship was created in 2014 by Bill and Susan Reimer Mohr and Tony Mohr.

Bob and Rhonna Jarchow Scholarship

This husband and wife established endowment, like many other scholarships, which has a uniqueness all of its own. Bob Jarchow is a lifelong member of the Luverne community, a 1967 LHS graduate, was a charter member of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program and served the organization as a trustee for many years. Bob continues to champion the Dollars for Scholars program. Rhonna, who completed a bachelor of science degree over a period of time while working in the local school, officially joined the Luverne staff as an elementary faculty member in 1979. Rhonna has firsthand knowledge as to the importance of a scholarship and the impact it can make for a student attending a post secondary institution.

Bob Rogness Scholarship

Bob Rogness graduated from Luverne High School in 1957. He went on to become a high school history teacher as well as a coach for both track and cross country. Whenever possible, he would like this scholarship to be awarded to a student pursuing a teaching career in instrumental and vocal music. The first Bob Rogness Scholarship was awarded in May of 2025.

Bonnie Muller Memorial Scholarship

The Bonnie Muller Memorial Scholarship was established by Randy Muller, along with family and friends of Bonnie. The daughter of Gerrit and Mary VanAartsen, she was raised and graduated from LHS in 1981. Bonnie was very proud of her family, following them to many sporting events throughout the years. She was involved with music her entire life, singing at many events.

She worked for Citibank in Sioux Falls for 38 years where she acquired many awards during that time. Bonnie passed away due to cancer complications in October of 2020. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a music or business degree.

Bradley Deutsch Memorial Scholarship

Brad Deutsch, a 2004 LHS graduate, devoted his life to community service as a soldier, firefighter, and friend. Brad joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 2003 and deployed to Iraq in 2005 with the 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division. After nearly two years away from home, his element returned as one of the most decorated in the 1st brigade. Following his deployment, he became a second-generation firefighter on the Luverne Fire Department in 2008 and remained actively involved in the Luverne community and the surrounding area. On January 20th, 2010, Brad passed away following an automobile accident. The Brad Deutsch Memorial Scholarship was established in his memory by his family, friends and the class of 2004. The recipient is determined by leadership and community involvement.

Brooke Elizabeth Thompson Scholarship

Brooke had a way of lighting up a room when she walked in and the beauty of it is that she didn't even know she did it. Those who know and love her remember her infectious smile, her sparkling eyes, her giggle, her long hugs, her ability to always be goofy and laugh at herself, her love of all things pink, purple and sparkly, her endless closet of clothes because "a girl can never have too many clothes," ice cream and starburst jelly beans, her silly ways like asking her nieces "What's my price?" (a hug and a kiss) that could get her to do almost anything for them, her need to have the tv volume on an even number, her laying her clothes out and packing those "that spoke to her" when she was going somewhere, her need to have her sweatshirt strings even, her report "It's summer, my freckles are here," how she was the glue that held her friends together and so many other million things about her. Brooke graduated from LHS in 2015 in the top 10 of her class and as a member of the National Honor Society; her senior quote being "Don't let anyone dull your sparkle." She graduated Magna Cum Laude and as a member of the Psi Chi International Honor Society from Southwest State University in 2018 with a BA in Psychology and minors in Sociology and Spanish and was also a member of the SMSU dance team. She had been accepted in the Master of Social Work Program at the University of South Dakota and was scheduled to begin in August 2019. Brooke planned to become an elementary school counselor or social worker at Sanford Children's Castle. She was tragically taken from us on July 23, 2019 by a reckless driver on her way to an interview for a grad school internship with the Harrisburg, SD school district. Brooke's biggest passions in life were figure skating and children. She began skating at age 3 and quickly fell in love with the ice. She was a member of the Blue Mound Figure Skaters from age 5 through her 1st year of college. She went on to coach with the Blue Mound Figure Skaters and the Southwest Figure Skating Club. While in high school, Brooke was chosen to represent her class during a kindness retreat at one of the local churches. It was in the course of that day an elementary child sat down by her and was so very sad. She asked him why. His parents were divorcing and she didn't know how to help him other than to tell him she was sure things would be ok. It was in that moment she knew she wanted her life's work to be helping children. She never wavered

from that. She worked for a short time in Duluth with Lutheran Social Services supervising child visits and loved her job at Rock Rapid's Kids Care caring for 2 year-olds. Her passions for children and the ice and her love for her family and friends are immeasurable. Whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career helping children and if possible to a student with a love of figure skating. This scholarship was established by many friends of Brooke's parents, Mary and Wayne. Her family is very grateful and blessed to have this gift to honor her and chose to add some of her memorial gifts to this scholarship as well.

Bryan Fransen Memorial Scholarship

Bryan passed away suddenly on February 17, 2022. His lifetime career was spent in Agriculture. He had a passion for growing things and after retirement his garden was a passion of his. He loved sharing what he grew with everyone. During the winter he would often remark "I can't wait for Spring so I can see green again." Bryan's wife Peggy (Van De Vegte) is a 1979 graduate of Luverne High School. Their children are all Luverne High School graduates, Darren Fransen '02, Brent Fransen '05, Tyler Johnson '00, Travis Johnson '02 and Meghan Johnson '06. Whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in a field involving Agriculture or Horticulture.

Bud Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship

The Bud Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship was established by family members in memory of Bud Gabrielson. Since Bud was engaged in farming, the recipient, if possible, is to be an individual pursuing some type of agricultural occupation.

Burdette Hollister Memorial Scholarship

Burdette "Sonny" Hollister, age 72, died on January 6, 2005, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, following a short battle with lung cancer. A member of the Class of 1950, Burdette enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after high school graduation. In 1973, after spending 23 years with the Air Force, he retired. He worked another 23 years in a Wichita, Kansas, civil service position before completely retiring. The first Burdette Hollister Memorial Scholarship, which was established in his memory by his high school classmates, was awarded in May, 2005.

Burmeister Endowed Scholarship

Glenn Burmeister is a 1972 graduate of Luverne High School. After years of farming and work in the telecommunications industry, Glenn decided to revive the Verne Drive In Movie Theater. The drive in employs many local youth and is honored to invest in their future. Whenever possible, the grantor wishes the scholarship be awarded to an individual attending vocational, technical or trade schools.

Calene Birky Williams Scholarship

In the summer of 1964 Lyle and Lorraine Birky moved with their five children to Luverne, MN, to work on the then brand new Interstate 90. The move to Luverne was very fortunate for their five children Zane, Zoe, Calene, Rachele and Memory as Luverne is a great place to grow up and to receive a top notch education. Calene Birky Williams graduated from LHS in 1976 and went on to earn her associate degree from Bemidji State University and her B.S. degree from Bethel College after serving in the U.S. Army. She utilized her education and experience while investigating fraudulent claims for insurance companies. She excelled in many facets of life and work. She led by example and had an award named after

her to be awarded annually at Esurance where she was employed before succumbing to breast cancer in 2018. This scholarship was established in her memory by her siblings.

Calvin and Katie Hemme Scholarship

Calvin graduated from Jasper High School in 1954. After high school, Calvin farmed with his father. In 1959 Calvin was drafted. After fulfilling his military duties, he returned to the home farm, working the land until his death. In 1973 Calvin and Katie Croes, a teacher in the Luverne school system, were married. Following their marriage, the couple made their home on the farm where Calvin had lived and worked his entire life. Calvin passed away on February 4, 2009. Shortly after that date, the Calvin and Katie Hemme Scholarship was established.

Cammy & Richard Iverson Scholarship

Cammy Martin Iverson ('64) and Rich Iverson ('64) establish this scholarship in recognition of the many positive ways spending their childhoods in Luverne formed and shaped their lives. Being a part of the 1964 State Tournament championship basketball team was a highlight of Rich's years at LHS. Rich credits his coaches, Harry Franz and Ray Merry, with instilling in him the importance of committed work ethic and dedicated teamwork; these values were influential in Rich's engineering and executive career path at 3M, American Orthodontics and in consulting with orthodontic start-up companies. Cammy is grateful for the influence of many LHS teachers who nurtured her love of learning which took Cammy on a varied educational path from being a registered nurse to earning a B.A. in Spirituality and Holistic Studies to recently becoming certified as a spiritual director. Rich and Cammy have made homes in places all over the U.S. and Europe, including Brussels, Belgium; Austin, Texas; and Los Angeles, California, but they have always been proud to call Luverne their hometown. They are happy to support outstanding efforts, such as Dollars for Scholars, that make the community a vibrant place to live and learn.

Carl Husen Memorial Scholarship

The Carl Husen Memorial Scholarship was established in Carl's name by his wife, Agnes. Carl Husen, a lifelong member of the Luverne area, spent many of his productive years in both the farming and insurance businesses. Carl also served many years as the clerk for the Luverne Township Board. The recipient is selected by the Dollars for Scholars criteria, but since Carl thought very highly of the Rock County 4-H program, the recipient should be someone who was active in the 4-H program.

Carlis M. Anderson Music Education Scholarship

Carlis M. Anderson, a 1947 LHS graduate, was born in Luverne, Minnesota, on January 8, 1929. She was raised by her parents Carl and Agnes Anderson along with a brother, Alan, and sister, Marguerite (Patty) in Luverne. The Anderson family was blessed with the gift of music. Carlis spent her lifetime pursuing the learning of and teaching others music. Carlis earned degrees in music from the University of South Dakota and the University of Colorado, along with post graduate studies at Northwestern, Michigan, and Wisconsin. She spent a few years teaching music overseas and in the states before settling in at Winona State University. Carlis retired from Winona State University after 28 years with the music department and the Phelps Lab School and received the title of Professor Emeritus from the Minnesota State University Board. She will be best remembered by her years of service to others. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Carol Giles DeWispelaere Memorial Scholarship

Carol Giles DeWispelaere grew up on a farm in southwestern MN, graduated from Hendricks High School, and knew the value of hard work and saving her pennies for a rainy day. She moved her family to Luverne in 1969 and initially provided a babysitting service from her home. She then worked for ARWoods Manufacturing Co., Blue Mound Inn and Catering, Casey's Bakery Dept., and Mary Jane Brown Home Food Service until her retirement. She was an ever-present example to her children and guided them with an optimistic attitude. Her children, Dan '78, Laurie '79, Angie '81, Dave '88 and their families started this scholarship to honor her for the strong role model she has been and the positive mark she has made on each of their lives. Whenever possible this scholarship should go to a single-parent student. The first Carol Giles DeWispelaere Scholarship was awarded in 2014.

Carrie Christine Nelson Memorial Scholarship

The Carrie Christine Nelson Memorial Scholarship was established in Carrie's memory by her family during the summer of 2001. Carrie, 20-years old and a 1999 LHS graduate, died a tragic death on May 20, 2001. During Carrie's high school career, she was active in Peer Helpers as well as the school choir. Since these two programs were thoroughly enjoyed by Carrie, her family has requested, when possible, to award the Carrie Christine Nelson Memorial Scholarship to a graduate who participated in one or both of these two school activities.

Carson Ehde Memorial Scholarship

Carson William Ehde, a graduate of the LHS Class of 2020, passed away on September 13, 2022, at the age of 21. In everything Carson did, his larger-than-life personality shone through, and he was truly a friend to all. He had a lifelong love for the outdoors with hunting, snowmobiling, and tearing down back roads on his dirt bike and four-wheeler. In school, Carson had a way of making his classmates smile and laugh, and he was involved in many activities. Some of his favorite high school memories included playing doubles on the tennis team, working on FFA projects, and joining hockey his senior year. To complement these activities, Carson was a gifted musician, starting with piano at a young age and then moving on to percussion in band and singing bass in choir. His music could be heard in recitals, concerts, parades, and in quiet moments at home. After high school, Carson earned his agribusiness degree at Southeast Technical College and he was proud of the custom baling business he shared with his Grandpa Art Ehde near Luverne. When he wasn't baling, he was polishing his '97 Silverado, working out at Power Fitness, or grilling burgers at the Verne Drive-In with his love, Gracie Rozeboom ('20). This scholarship was established in his memory by his family, friends, and the Class of 2020. He will always be remembered for his kind soul and senior superlative, Best Humor.

Charles VandeVelde Memorial Scholarship

Under the leadership of Norman Torrison, several LHS classmates collaborated in establishing a perpetual scholarship in Charles VandeVelde's memory. After high school Charles, a congenial individual as well as a gifted athlete, went on to school at Luther College. While at Luther he played football, until he entered the U.S. Army. After serving in the Korean War, Charles returned home and started VandeVelde Hardware in Kenneth, Minn. Charles, a 1950 LHS graduate, passed away September 3, 2006. The first scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Charles Weinman Memorial Scholarship

Family and friends established the Charles Weinman Memorial Scholarship in the summer of 2007. Charles, known to many LHS graduates as "Mr. Weinman," compiled a 36-year teaching career. Charles launched his teaching career at Minneota High School in 1954, and closed it out in 1990, teaching business at LHS the last 34 years of his teaching career. Also during his time in Luverne, Charles brought about the Weinman Realty business. Shortly after resigning his teaching position, Charles and his wife, Mar, returned to Charles' hometown of Fairmont, Minn. Charles continued his realty business in Fairmont until his death, May 15, 2007. Charles and Mar had three children, all LHS graduates: Kate, '75, Melissa, '78, and Kirstin, '82. The first Charles Weinman Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2008.

Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Scholarship

The Christopher Ashby Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Chris Ashby, the son of Gene and Barb Ashby. Chris was a very active student at Luverne High School. He played trumpet in the concert and marching bands. He was a former wrestler, and current football player, earning honors as one of the varsity's top scorers as a sophomore. In addition, Chris played soccer, basketball, baseball, and ran track. Chris excelled in everything he participated in. As a four-year-old, he won the Minnesota State Pedal Pull Championship, and he placed third at the national level. At the age of 10, Chris won the State Hershey Track Meet in the 200-meter dash, and he anchored the winning 4 X 100-meter relay team. He also qualified in the 2000 State Youth Wrestling Tournament. Chris was part of the "Magnificent 7" track team, helping the team win the Minnesota 2006 Class A State Track Championship. He participated in the 110-meter hurdles and the 4 X 400 relay, setting a new school record in the relay. Chris also placed second in the 300-meter hurdles. As the result of his outstanding achievements, he was dubbed as the "Sophomore Sensation." Chris also earned academic all-state honors in both 2005- and 2006-school years. He completed his sophomore year at Luverne High School as a member of the "A" Honor Roll. On July 5, 2006, at the age of 16, Chris died in an automobile accident while en route to basketball practice. The first Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Clarence & Evelyn Thode Memorial Scholarship

The Clarence & Evelyn Thode Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020 by their five children, Gerald '69, Pamela '70, James '75, Joyce '77 and Brian '83 Thode. Their mother, Evelyn, was a firm believer in education. She was convinced that education opened their world to unlimited possibilities. Evelyn also made sure each of her children pursued an advanced degree after graduating from Luverne High School. Their father, Clarence, returned to Rock County after serving in WWII and began his farming operation. Clarence loved his family, farming and most of all supported his children in all their dreams and goals. The family requests, whenever possible, to award the scholarship to a student that will be attending a college or technical school in the area of agriculture, accounting or business.

Class of 1940

Challenged by the Class of 1954, class member Harvey A. Ordnung took the charge to his classmates. In March, 2001, the Class of 1940 established its own perpetual scholarship.

Class of 1949

Members from the Class of 1949 established the scholarship in 2002. When anonymous class leaders stepped forward and created this scholarship, they desired to have this scholarship be the place for future Memorials to be given in memory of classmates. Class members may add to this scholarship at any time, and in particular, a place to give memorials in memory of their classmates.

Class of 1950

Providing the direction and leadership, Norman Torrison initiated the founding of the Class of 1950 perpetual scholarship. Torrison, through a letter-writing campaign, contacted classmates requesting their support for one final “class project.” Over a two month period, classmates enthusiastically responded and established this scholarship with the first award made in 2004.

Class of 1951

After a plan was put into effect it only took four months to complete. The plan, of course, was to have members from the Class of 1951 pool their dollars and establish a scholarship in its name. The first Class of 1951 Scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Class of 1953

Late in the summer of 2006, leaders from Class of 1953 initiated a mail campaign for the intended purpose of creating a scholarship in its name. After a couple of mailings, classmates gave generously to their fund. The first scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Class of 1954

During a class reunion in September of 1999, the members present decided that they wanted to give something to the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program. After “passing the hat” and writing to class members who were unable to attend the class reunion, they soon discovered they had raised enough money to establish a perpetual scholarship. (The Class of 1954 was the first class to establish a perpetual scholarship.)

Class of 1956

As a result of its 50th Class reunion, 2006, classmates raised the needed amount to establish a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2007.

Class of 1957

During its 50th Class Reunion, classmates established the Class of 1957 Scholarship. The first scholarship was award in May, 2008.

Class of 1961

During the summer of 2011 class members launched a fund drive in support of Luverne Dollars for Scholars. Their efforts paid off and a scholarship was established in the name of the Class of 1961. The first Class of 1961 scholarship was presented in May, 2012.

Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 established a scholarship in its name through the efforts of a scholarship-by-mail fund drive and scholarship-drive during its 45th Class Reunion in 2007. The first scholarship was awarded in 2008.

Class of 1963

In the fall of 2017, classmates were invited to donate toward a perpetual scholarship in the name of the Class of 1963. By the end of that same year, the goal was reached, and the first recipient

was awarded the scholarship in 2018. The goal is that the fund will grow through the years to honor the outstanding education students receive at Luverne Public Schools.

Class of 1964

At its 41st class reunion, members of the Class of 1964 established a perpetual scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Class of 1965

Several years ago, the Class of 1965 launched a campaign to establish a scholarship of its name. Class leaders sought gifts for and suggested memorials be directed to the Dollars for Scholars. Perseverance paid off. During the fall of 2010 the class not only reached its goal, but exceeded its goal of \$2,000. The first Class of 1965 Scholarship was awarded in 2010.

Class of 1966

Shortly after the conclusion of the 2005 All-School Reunion, the Class of 1966 established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Class of 1967

During the 40th class reunion, members of the Class of 1967 easily raised and established an endowment in its name with the local scholarship program. Its first class scholarship was awarded in 2008.

Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 established a scholarship in its name during school year 2011 - 2012. Its first class scholarship was presented to the Class of 2012, in May.

Class of 1971

The LHS Class of 1971 Scholarship was created to honor and thank everyone who contributed to the education of the members of the Luverne High School graduating Class of 1971. We particularly honor the members of our class who are no longer with us. Through our support of this scholarship we hope that future graduates of LHS will leave prepared for a bright future ahead; the bright future that we were blessed with because of the support of the people of the Luverne Public School District.

Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 raised funds and established a scholarship in its name to help provide educational opportunities to future LHS graduates. Whenever possible this scholarship should be awarded to a student planning to study education, deaf education, agriculture, law enforcement or environmental studies and whom has worked hard in school but due to personal reasons or family issues couldn't participate in sports or other activities. The first scholarship was presented in May of 2023.

Class of 1973

The LHS Class of 1973 is appreciative and proud of the opportunities, friendships, and education that its members received while attending LHS. We are honored to help a deserving LHS graduate continue on a pathway to success that LHS has enabled.

Class of 1979

Members from the Class of 1979 established this scholarship in 2014 at their 35th class reunion. Their purpose was to make this scholarship a memorial to their classmates. Class members may

add to this scholarship at any time as a place to give memorials in memory of their classmates. The first scholarship was presented in May of 2015.

Class of 1981

The Class of 1981 raised funds and established a scholarship in its name to continue to promote post-secondary education and help provide opportunities to future LHS graduates. The first scholarship was presented in May of 2021.

Class of 1983

During its 20-year class reunion the members present decided to establish a scholarship in honor of its deceased classmates. Just prior to its reunion, the class lost Lisa Baustian Smart. The first scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Class of 1984

During its 20th class reunion classmates passed the hat, raising more than the required amount to establish a perpetual scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded in 2005.

Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 raised funds and established a scholarship in its name to help provide educational opportunities to future LHS graduates. The first scholarship was presented in May of 2023.

Class of 1992

During their 25th year Class Reunion, Class of 1992 members launched a fund drive in support of Luverne Dollars for Scholars. Their efforts paid off and a scholarship was established in the name of the Class of 1992. Class members may add to this scholarship at any time, and in particular, it can be a place to give memorials in memory of their classmates. The first Class of 1992 scholarship was presented in May of 2018.

Class of 2004

Meeting the challenge issued by Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, the Class of 2004 raised an equal dollar amount and established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in 2005.

Class of 2005

Challenged by Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, the Class of 2005 raised an equal dollar amount and established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2005.

Class of 2006

Challenged by Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, the Class of 2006 raised an equal dollar amount and established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2006.

Class of 2007

Challenged by Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, the Class of 2007 raised an equal dollar amount and established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2007.

Class of 2008

Challenged by Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, the Class of 2008 raised an equal dollar amount and established a scholarship in its name. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2008.

Class of 2009

The Class of 2009 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS

graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class and established a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2009.

Class of 2010

The Class of 2010 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class and established a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2010.

Class of 2011

The Class of 2011 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class and established a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Class of 2012

The Class of 2012 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class and established a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Class of 2013

Like the many classes before, the Class of 2013 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class and established a scholarship in its name. Norm, of course, accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Class of 2014

The Class of 2014 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class to establish a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2014.

Class of 2015

The Class of 2015 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class to establish a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2016.

Class of 2016

The Class of 2016 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class to establish a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge.

Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class to establish a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge.

Class of 2018

The Class of 2018 challenged Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, to match an equal dollar amount raised by the class to establish a scholarship in its name. Norm accepted the challenge.

Clausen Family Scholarship

The Clausen Family Scholarship was established as a memorial to David Clausen '74 who passed away July 19, 2014, at the age of fifty-eight. The scholarship was established by his wife, Bev (Rolfes) '75 and mother, Neva (Baustian) '45. Dave's siblings are all Luverne High School graduates – Pat '67, Shirley '69, Steve '70, Rod '72, Kathy '76 and Gary '85. Dave and Bev are parents

of four children – Christy, Julie, Tommy and Michael. If possible, the recipient should be a student who is interested in pursuing an education in music. The first Clausen Family Scholarship was awarded in 2015.

Clifford J Boom Memorial Scholarship

Cliff Boom, a respected member of the Luverne community passed away from esophageal cancer on September 1, 2018. Cliff grew up in Lester, IA and graduated from West Lyon Community School. After high school, Cliff enlisted in the US Army. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged on September 10, 1968. After being discharged from the Army, Cliff moved to Beaver Creek and started to farm. After farming for a short time, Cliff realized that farming was not for him and he enrolled in the Agriculture Banking Program at Pipestone Technical College. After graduating and working at various companies, Cliff started at US Bank Systems, now known as First Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Cliff spent the next 39 years working for First Farmers and retired as Senior Vice President in 2017. Throughout Cliff's life he was active in sports. He played basketball in high school, after high school he played fast pitch and slow pitch softball, then took up golf. Cliff and Carrie have four grandchildren that are LHS graduates; Dalton '14, Ashton '15, Chase '17 and Sydne '20. The family requests whenever possible to award the scholarship to an individual who was active in either basketball, softball or golf.

Coach Arling “Andy” Anderson Scholarship

Arling Anderson, a former LHS faculty member, taught in the Luverne school district from 1948 through 1961. During his 13-year teaching career in Luverne, Anderson taught science, physical education, and coached the football and basketball teams. Because of his involvement in the school's athletic programs he became known as “Coach Andy” throughout the community. In 1961 the Andersons moved to Mankato, where for many years they owned and operated a motel. The scholarship was established in 2001 by “Coach Andy's” five children — Kay (Johnson), '60, Karen (Aamot), '61, Paul, Donna (Asleson), and Carol (Ellerbusch).

Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship

Conrad Tofteland was born and raised in Rock County, Minnesota, and attended Luverne High School, graduating in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and later he started farming, until he had to discontinue because of health problems. His interest was always in farming, but he went on to pursue other paths. One of those paths took him to Alaska, where he worked on the Alaskan pipeline. Conrad spent many years away from Luverne, but he always supported the community. In fact, he was a loyal supporter of the *Alumni News*, a newsletter directed to LHS graduates. The recipient is to be selected by using DFS criteria. The first Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Conrad Winge Family Scholarship

The perpetual Conrad Winge Family Scholarship was created by Loren and Mavis (Winge) Amundson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in honor of the education Mavis [LHS, Class of 1950] and her siblings, LaJean (Lammert), '56; Clayton, '58; Lyman, '61; and Dixie (Arends), '63, received in the Luverne school system. The recipient is to be selected by Dollars for Scholars Award Committee criteria, but in addition; be awarded to a graduate who will attend a private or public bachelor-degree-granting institution.

Craig Becker Memorial Scholarship

Craig Becker, a 1987 LHS graduate, was one of the founding members of the Luverne Optimist Hockey Club, spending many hours playing at the outdoor rink located by Luverne City Park. Craig was an outstanding defenseman for the team. Upon graduating from LHS, Craig attended college initially at St. Cloud State University and then transferred and graduated from the University of Minnesota – Mankato with a B.S. in Electronic Engineering working at Sencore Electronics, Gateway, Raven Industries and Aerostar International. Craig worked on projects such as the Macy Day Parade balloons and Google balloons. During his life, Craig not only played hockey for LHS, but coached his son Thomas with the Sioux Falls Flyers and was an avid fan of the Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Gophers and Augustana Vikings. As a result of a massive heart attack, Craig passed away on December 13, 2024, at the age of 56. Craig's wife Julie (1988 LHS graduate) and their children, Thomas and Sydney, established this scholarship in Craig's memory, with the first scholarship being awarded in 2025. Due to Craig being one of the original hockey players in Luverne and his love for hockey, whenever possible the scholarship will be awarded to a student who is part of the Luverne Hockey Team and going on to post-secondary education.

Curt & Kay Vining Scholarship

Curt (LHS '65) and his wife Kay (Mees) Vining established this scholarship in memory of their parents: Bruce (LHS '32) and Thelma (Kienast) Vining and Harold and Vearle Mees. Curt and Kay both spent their working years in the field of education and recognize the importance of education and the basic skills such as reading. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by Dollars for Scholars criteria but the selection should be based not entirely on academic achievement, but also by demonstrated leadership skills, achievement in school related extra-curricular activities (music, speech, drama, etc) as well as in volunteerism and community service to others. When possible, the graduate should have been active as a tutor/peer helper with a younger student working on basic skills. The recipient must pursue career directed education whether it be a 4-year college or vocational/technical training.

Curt Thorson Memorial Scholarship

Curt Thorson was a 1983 graduate of Luverne High School and lifelong Rock County resident. Many who knew Curt during his high school years may well remember his 1968 midnight black Lincoln Continental of which many stories have been told. Curt grew up and worked on the family farm in Magnolia Township. He earned his degree in diesel truck mechanics and throughout his lifetime used those skills not only on the farm but in his employment as a maintenance mechanic. Curt was proud to call Luverne home and was proud of all the community offered for his family and others. Curt and his wife Caroline watched with pride as their 3 sons, Dylan '17, Eric '19 and Luke '22, participated in many different activities and athletics at Luverne High School. Many will remember Curt for his hearty laugh, his big smile, his genuineness of character, and the kindness and generosity he showed to all. Curt passed away in October of 2020 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. This scholarship was established by many friends of Curt and his family who are so grateful for this gift.

Curt Laudon, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The Curt Laudon Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established in Curt's memory by his wife, Bea, and his two sons — Curt, Jr. and

Steve. Curt Laudon, Sr. established Laudon Drug Store in 1946 where he worked until his death in 1993. Throughout his life, Curt was very active in the community. He was a member of the Ben Franklin Lodge, Shriners, and a former Luverne School Board member.

Dale L. Haggard Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, in memory of Dale L. Haggard, was established in 2015 by his 2 daughters, Jane and Martha, and his 2 sisters, Winifred Haggard (1950) and Helen Haggard Rollag (1954). Dale was born and raised in Luverne. He was a 3-letter athlete in high school. He even received a letter of intent from the University of Minnesota to play quarterback for the Gophers. Unfortunately, during the last game of his senior year, Dale suffered a career-ending and possibly fatal blow to his head. Amazingly he survived and went on to receive his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the U of MN in 1959. While in college, he married his high school sweetheart, Sonia Turner (1951). After graduation, Dale returned to Luverne and took over his Grandfather's practice. Dale was a 3rd generation veterinarian. A few years later, he partnered with Milo Kontz until he moved on to research in 1969. Eventually, he was offered a professor position at the University of Minnesota where he finished his veterinary career. Dale passed away on November 27, 2013. He was preceded in death by his father Dr. Leon Haggard, DVM (1931), son John, wife Sonia and mother Jessie Haggard (1930). When possible, this scholarship is to be awarded to a student going into Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine or a Veterinary Assistant Program.

Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship

Dale Slieter lived most of his life in Rock County. He grew up on a farm and attended Hardwick and Luverne Public Schools, graduating in 1975. While in school he was active in FFA and basketball. Dale had a love of all sports. He was a familiar face on the bleachers and in the auditorium of Luverne School, as he closely followed his boys, Joseph ('11) and Joshua ('14) in their athletic and musical pursuits. He developed an appreciation for fine arts (band and drama) and recognized that it takes a lot of time and dedication to participate in both, particularly at the same time. The Slieter family established the Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship in 2013, with the intent that it be awarded, whenever possible, to an Luverne High School graduate who was actively involved in both sports and fine arts/FFA throughout their high school years. The first Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2013.

Dallas and Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship

The Dallas and Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship was established in the fall of 2012 by Dallas Bowron. Lifelong residents of Rock County, Dallas graduated from Magnolia High School (MHS) and Minerva Aanenson from Luverne High School (LHS), both graduating in 1932. Five years later, in 1937, Dallas and Minerva married. After working in Sioux Falls for a period of time, Dallas returned to Rock County where he and Minerva farmed in the Magnolia area for over 40 years. The Bowrons retired in 1981 and moved off the farm and into Luverne. Dallas and Minerva became parents of two children: Judy, Magnolia Class of '59, and John, MHS Class of '64. After high school, Judy continued her education and received a BA degree from the University of Minnesota. John received a doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1967, John married Jeanne Boone, a 1965 LHS graduate. In 1971,

John returned to Luverne where he practiced veterinary medicine for 39 years. John and Jeanne are parents of four daughters, all LHS graduates: Emily, Alison, Johnna, and Jessica, graduating in '90, '93, '95, and '97, respectively. The first Dallas and Minerva Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Daniel Fritz Memorial Scholarship

On September 22, 2003, at the age of 71, Daniel Lee Fritz passed away in Lewisville, Texas. Daniel, a 1950 LHS graduate, was an outstanding athlete, being selected to the Minnesota All-State Football Team during his senior year of school. Daniel had two brothers and one sister, all LHS graduates. They are Gene Fritz, a 1946 graduate, Jim Fritz, Class of 1947, and Margaret Fritz Nelson, a member of the Class of 1953. The first Daniel Fritz Memorial Scholarship, which was established in his memory by his high school classmates, was awarded in May, 2005.

Daniella "Dafani" Gacke Memorial Scholarship

The Daniella "Dafani" Gacke Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 by Tony & Wendy Gacke to honor the memory of their only daughter, Daniella Rose. Dani had a passion for taking care of animals, playing her violin, playing basketball and running track. She was often seen wearing her Nike headband and Crocs. Dani was a member of the Luverne High School Class of 2022. Her family and friends were stunned when she took her life on June 15, 2017 at the tender age of thirteen. We would like Dani to be remembered as a fun loving friend, a good teammate, and a budding musician who left us far too soon.

Darlene Boisen Memorial Scholarship

The Darlene Boisen Memorial Scholarship was established by Darlene's family in memory of her unwavering devotion to her family, friends and the community she loved. Darlene grew up in Estelline, SD and then lived in St. Louis, MO and Sioux Falls, SD before marrying her husband of 66 years, Jarvis, and moving to Luverne in 1952. She worked as a bank teller at First National Bank, then did the bookkeeping for Jarv's Auto Service, and finally worked at Tri-State Insurance. Darlene and Jarvis raised three sons: Ron '71, Gary '74 and Alan '80 who graduated from Luverne High School. Darlene was extremely active volunteering in the community with several organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Luverne Fire Dept. Auxiliary, and Lions Club. She was also a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church where she was involved in Circle, teaching Sunday School classes and quilting. Darlene's passions were her family, friends, animals, sewing, cooking, pottery and playing cards. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who pursues a career in healthcare or education.

Darrell M. Schmidt Future Educators Scholarship

Darrell M. Schmidt graduated from Luverne High School with the Class of 1967. That spring he was awarded the Luverne Education Association's Future Teacher Scholarship. He attended three Rock County educational institutions: Rural School District #75, Hardwick Grade School, and Luverne High School. After graduating from LHS, he attended Moorhead State College, double majoring in English and German. In June 1971, Darrell was hired by Independent School District #361, International Falls, Minnesota, where he taught for 41 years. During his career, he accrued seven certifications, adding Learning Disabilities and Spanish; Master's Degrees from the University of Minnesota (Duluth) and Middlebury

College (Vermont); and three Endowments to the Humanities Summer Seminars. His extra-curricular assignments at Falls High School involved Speech, Debate and Drama. In 1995, he was one of ten finalists for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year. This scholarship is to carry on the academic torch of Rock County's excellent educational institutions for a future educator from Luverne High School to enlighten many young learners' futures.

Daryl Klein Memorial Scholarship

Daryl was the kind of person whose presence made a difference, not because he sought recognition, but because he showed up, every time, with heart and deep care for those around him. To know him was to have a friend who was more like a brother. He carried the weight of the world sometimes, not because he was weak, but because he was strong enough to feel and care in ways many don't. He held himself to high standards and often carried the quiet burdens others didn't see. His love for his daughter, Melissa, was radiant, something he was never afraid to show. Whenever possible, this scholarship is awarded to the unsung hero of the basketball team. The player who may not always lead in points or headlines, but who leads in heart. The one who hustles after every loose ball, cheers the loudest from the bench, stays late to practice free throws and lifts teammates when they're down. This scholarship honors a student athlete who brings those same values to the court and to life and was established by Steve and Shirley Top in loving memory of a precious brother.

David L. Eberlein Scholarship

David L. Eberlein grew up in Luverne, MN graduating from LHS in 1968. Upon graduation, he attended Worthington Junior College for two years and then a year of vocational school in Jackson, MN. After working 23 years within the telecommunications field, he decided to settle back in Luverne. He got a job with Luverne Schools, spending the next 20 years as a custodian. He retired in 2019. David established this scholarship in 2021 as a way to give back to LHS and prove an opportunity to its future graduates to continue their education. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a recipient planning to attend a vocational school.

Dave Lammert Memorial Scholarship

The Dave Lammert Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Dave Lammert, an avid sports fan, who won the hearts of many community members. Dave was a 1966 LHS graduate. The recipient is selected by the Dollars for Scholars criteria, but must be given to a graduate who participated in high school sports.

David Hoiland Memorial Scholarship

David O Hoiland passed away on March 19, 2014. A proud member and homecoming king of the Luverne Class of 1950, Dave was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife, Verna Lou Shelby, in 2002. Dave loved nothing more than entertaining his family and friends on the acreage across from Luverne Country Club, and hosted a number of class of 1950 gatherings there. He spent his last months at the Luverne Veteran's Home after suffering a stroke in August of 2013. All six of David's children were LHS graduates; Suanne Ohme '70, Pam Hoiland '73, Peg Anderson '73, Mark Hoiland '75, Angela Hoiland '81 and Matt Hoiland '93. He was preceded in death by daughter, Peg Hoiland Anderson.

Dean and Alta Jorgenson Scholarship

Dean and Alta Jorgenson lived in Luverne for 28 years, from

1950 through 1977. Although neither attended the Luverne school, their three children, Mary, Dennis, and Bruce, graduated from LHS in 1956, 1958, and 1962, respectively. The Jorgensons, who were ardent supporters of the local education system, received a great deal of pleasure from attending many of the various school functions and activities. Their palpable support for school and education provided a natural stimulus to their children, as well as other young people of the community with whom they had contact, to continue their educational pursuits beyond high school. The scholarship was established in 2003 by the Jorgenson children in honor of their parents.

Del & Eileen Domagala Family Scholarship

Del & Eileen Domagala moved from South Dakota to Luverne in 1972 with their 6 children who would go on to graduate from LHS in Faye '77, Doug '78, Larry '79, Sharon '80, Wayne '86 and Gary '90. Delvin worked for the city of Luverne at the Waste Water Plant. He loved giving tours of the plant to kids on field trips. He received many awards during his career and retired in 2000. After retirement Del & Eileen spent many years traveling to 49 of the 50 states, Hawaii being the only one not conquered. Del was active in the Optimist Club and was instrumental in the building of the Blue Mound Ice Arena. He was very proud of this accomplishment. He and Eileen spent countless hours watching their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren skate and play hockey there! Delvin was a devout member of the Knights of Columbus through the Catholic Church. He was honored to become a Grand Knight. Del spent most of his down time at the church. Del passed away Dec. 19, 2017 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Eileen and family started this scholarship in his honor.

Delbert Jessen Memorial Scholarship

After a brief battle with cancer, Delbert Jessen, a 1965 LHS graduate, passed away on December 21, 2005, at the age of 58. While in high school, Delbert earned the reputation of being an outstanding athlete as well as a scholar. In fact, Delbert was a member of and a key figure on Luverne High School's 1964 Minnesota State Championship basketball team. And after graduation he attended the University of Minnesota on a football scholarship, earning a degree in journalism and advertising. In 1968, he married Janet Boone, a high school classmate and sweetheart. Family and friends established this scholarship in Delbert's memory. The first scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Delores Harner Special Ed Scholarship

Delores Harner taught GED classes in Luverne, MN while also teaching in Hills-Beaver Creek. During this time, she obtained her Master's Degree (1981) in Special Education and in EBD (emotional-behavioral disorders) from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. She continued her post-graduate work at Mankato State College in Early Childhood Special Education. She utilized this in establishing the Early Childhood Special Education program in Hills-Beaver Creek. She and her husband, James, had three children graduate from LHS, Brad '81, Pam '83 and Cynthia '85. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to someone pursuing a special education degree or endorsement.

Dispanet Family Scholarship

As longtime residents of Rock County, Timothy and Susan Dispanet established a scholarship in 2026 to honor their children Amy '88, Sara '89 and Thomas '93, and their grandchildren Knute Oldre '17, Sage Ver Steeg '19, Gunnar Oldre '20 and Tate Ver Steeg

'30. All received scholarships from Dollars for Scholars to further their education and they are grateful. Many will remember that Tim and Sue owned and operated the Magnolia Steak House in Magnolia and then Luverne for many years. It is their hope that future graduates of Luverne will benefit from this scholarship to help with their education.

Dolly Talbert Memorial Scholarship

Dolly Talbert moved to Luverne in 1970 with her husband, Don, and taught vocal and instrumental music in Luverne Public Schools where she was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1989. She retired in 1993, but her dedication to music continued long past her retirement. Dolly passed away on June 7, 2023, at the age of 85. She was a big part of music at Luverne Public Schools for many years. Luverne Music Boosters felt a scholarship in her name would be the perfect way to honor her and remember her love and appreciation for music. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a Luverne senior who participated in music during their high school years.

Donald B. Phillips Memorial Scholarship

The Donald B. Phillips Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Dr. Donald Phillips, a 1960 Luverne High School graduate and longtime Professor of Chemistry at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Dr. Phillips' professional expertise was in the field of chemistry, with a focus on preparing future elementary school teachers in the area of science. The scholarship recipient, if possible, should be an individual who plans to pursue a teaching career with an emphasis on science. The scholarship was established in 2003 by friends and family.

Donald Deutsch Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Donald Deutsch, a 1978 LHS graduate. After graduating from Minnesota West, Canby campus, Donald returned to Luverne where, over the years, he worked for several different businesses, including Midwest Fire. In 1981, Donald joined the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department. As a member, Donald became very active and involved with the Fire Department, serving as its fire chief from 2000 until his death in 2009. He also served as a State Fire Instructor, training firemen in several different states. Donald and his wife, Sharon, had two sons who graduated from LHS, Brad, a 2004, graduate, and Brian, 2006. The scholarship was established in 2009.

Dr. Albert C. Martin and Dorothy Brown Martin Memorial Scholarship

The Dorothy Brown Martin Memorial Scholarship was established at Dorothy's death in 1997 by her husband, Albert C. Martin, and their three daughters, Cammy (Martin) Iverson, '64, JoAnne (Martin) West '67, and Peggy Martin-Waters '71. Albert's name was added to the scholarship by his three daughters upon his death in August, 2014. Dorothy was born in Luverne and graduated from LHS, Class of 1940. She received her R.N. degree from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. Al was born and raised in Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois for his undergraduate degree and earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Al served in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer and was honorably discharged in August, 1946. Dorothy and Al established his medical practice in Luverne in 1950. They raised their three daughters in Luverne and subsequently relocated to Portland, Oregon in 1971. The

community of Luverne and its people held a very special place in their hearts, and Dorothy and Al would be happy to know this scholarship offers the opportunity for students of LHS to fulfill their college dreams.

Dorothy Enger Remme Memorial Education Scholarship

The recipient is to be a graduating senior who is planning to enter elementary education as a career. Because Dorothy received her elementary schooling in Hardwick, graduated from Luverne High School and its Normal Training Department, taught eleven (11) years in Hardwick, 19 years in Magnolia, and the other nine (9) years of her career in rural schools, the recipient is to be, if possible, a person from the Hardwick or Magnolia area seeking a vocation in the elementary teaching field—providing the candidate meets the Dollars for Scholars criteria.

Dr. Ervin S. & Evelyn Boone Memorial Scholarship

The Ervin S. Boone Memorial Scholarship was established at Ervin's death in 2014 by his family and friends. Ervin was born and raised in Stone Lake, WI and received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1949. He established his medical practice in Luverne in 1950. He practiced medicine in Luverne for 32 years, retiring in 1982. He and his wife, Evelyn, raised their four daughters in Luverne, each one a graduate of LHS, Jeanne '65, Janet '65, Jane '72 and Jodie '77. The recipient is to be, whenever possible, someone pursuing an education in the health field. The first Ervin S. Boone Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2015.

Dr. Joseph and Ruth Okarski Memorial Scholarship

In 1965, Dr. Okarski accepted with Rock County, serving as Rock County Mental Health Center's first chief psychologist. In 1983 Dr. Okarski retired from this position. However, he continued working, serving clients in his own private practice for an additional ten years. Ruth, Dr. Okarski's wife, worked extremely hard in bringing various cultural events to the Luverne area. Her work prompted the creation of the Council for the Arts and Humanities in Rock County, commonly known as CAHRC. At the age of 92, in 2006, Joseph passed away. Ruth passed in 2003. She was 89. The first Dr. Joseph and Ruth Okarski Memorial Scholarship will be presented to a member of the Class of 2010.

E. Curtis Aanenson Family Scholarship

The E. Curtis Aanenson Family Scholarship was established by Curtis Aanenson and his wife, Eva Lou, in their family name. They made this scholarship possible in order to show their continued community support for the area where they both were born and raised.

Ebert Family Scholarship

Chuck Ebert, a 1969 LHS graduate, died of cancer on June 14, 2002. Chuck's family, with the Memorials and donations they received from family, friends, classmates, and coworkers, established the Ebert Family Scholarship in his memory. Before his death, Chuck was actively involved in many community-based service groups. He was especially fond of and enjoyed the service he gave to the Rock County Chapter of Pheasants Forever. Since Chuck thought very highly of Pheasants Forever and the National Wild Turkey Federation, the recipient should be an individual, or has a family member, who is active in either Pheasants Forever, Rock River Gobblers or a similar type of conservation program.

Edward & Joan Salzer Family Scholarship

Edward & Joan Salzer moved to Luverne with their four children: Ruth (1980), Patty (1983), Angie (1987) and Jon (1990). Ed was employed as the Elementary Principal at Luverne Elementary School. He worked for Luverne Public Schools for 25 years (1972-1997). Joan worked at the Luverne Community Hospital for 24 years (1974-1997). Education was an important part of their family life. All four children graduated from LHS. This scholarship was first awarded to the Class of 2026.

Edwin & Donna Deutsch Family Scholarship

Eddie and Donna Deutsch lived in Luverne for 58 years from 1957 to 2015. Although neither attended Luverne High School, their two children Joan and Don graduated from LHS in 1976 and 1978, respectively. They also had two grandsons graduate from LHS, Brad '04 and Brian '06. The Deutsch's loved watching their children, grandsons and their friends in various school functions. They were active members of this community and spent many hours volunteering. Eddie was a greeter at the school for several years and was a charter member of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program. This scholarship was established after Eddie's death in 2015. Since Eddie spent 55 years in a wheelchair, the recipient is to be, whenever possible, someone with a handicap.

Elaine Reker Memorial Scholarship

Elaine (Petersen) Reker was born and raised in Rock County. She attended District #21 country school through the 8th grade and went on to attend Luverne High School, completing the 9th grade. Elaine was employed at various jobs after leaving high school. In 1944, during WW II, she traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming and worked as a "Rosie The Riveter" at an airplane reconditioning plant for one year. In 1946, she met and married Sylvester Reker. They bought a farm in Springwater Township in 1957 and raised their family there. Elaine had six children born to her; Diane, Robert, Donald, Nancy, Laurie and John. During her life she lost two of her children, one to the war in Vietnam and one in infancy, due to a heart condition related to Down Syndrome. Elaine imparted the importance of education to her children and grandchildren. All of her children attended post-secondary educational programs. Seven of her eleven grandchildren attended and graduated from Luverne Public Schools. She loved her life on the farm, enjoyed planting her vegetable garden to provide food to her family, and especially loved planting flowers and plants. Elaine participated in many card clubs and liked to gather with friends for cards, coffee and sweets. Elaine passed away on July 2, 2014 at the age of 92. The first Elaine Reker Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2015.

Elden Esterly Memorial Scholarship

It was Elden's request that a certain portion of his life-savings be given to the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program at the time of his death (July 7, 1994). As a result of his bequest, the Elden Esterly Memorial Scholarship was established. Elden, born and raised near Luverne, married Frances Finke in 1925. Elden was actively engaged in farming southwest of Luverne until he retired and moved to Luverne in 1967.

Elmer and Frances Drost Scholarship

Elmer and Frances Drost were life-long Rock County residents. They farmed until their retirement at which time they moved to Luverne. Frances worked in the Luverne School District food service department for 25 years making friends with many of the students. Elmer and Frances had three children: Twila (VerSteeg)

1964; Gary 1967; Gregg 1971. The Drost Family would like this scholarship to be awarded to a student furthering their education at a technical school. The first Elmer and Frances Drost Scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Elmer and Martha Piegras Memorial Scholarship

Initially, after Elmer's death in 1984, Tri-State Insurance employees established the scholarship in Elmer's memory. Several years later, upon Martha's death in late 2001, the scholarship name was changed from "Elmer Piegras Memorial Scholarship" to its present name. Elmer, a 1926 LHS graduate, was an officer with the former, homegrown Tri-State Insurance company. Martha, who grew up in the Mountain Lake area, entered Luverne in the 30's, where she continued her career as an educator. Martha served as a trustee with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program for several years.

Emily Matthiesen Memorial Scholarship

Emily Harms Matthiesen started her teaching career with Luverne Public Schools in 1967, student teaching under the supervision of Mr. Gits (English) and Mr. Dahlberg (mathematics). She became a full time member of the staff in the fall of 1968, teaching English. She held this position until 1980 when she eventually became a stay-at-home mom. In 1985, Emily returned to the classroom, teaching mathematics until her longtime battle with cancer claimed her life. Emily passed away on December 28, 2005. The first Emily Matthiesen Memorial Scholarship was presented in 2006. The recipient is selected by using the Dollars for Scholars criteria.

Erling and Anna Tofteland Family Scholarship

Long-time Rock County residents and LHS graduates Erling, '41, and Anna Johnson Tofteland, '45, established this scholarship in 2001. The Toftelands spent their working years tilling the soil and raising livestock on a farm southwest of Luverne. During those work years, the Toftelands were actively involved in church and community affairs. In fact, Erling served as president of the PTA, and eventually he was elected to the Luverne Board of Education. During his 12-year tenure as a board member, Erling served nine of those years as Chairman. The Toftelands moved to Luverne in 1989 when they officially retired from farming. Anna passed away November 30, 2001.

Ernie Dahlberg Memorial Scholarship

Ernie Dahlberg joined the Luverne faculty as a mathematics teacher in the fall of 1947. Although math is quickly associated with the Dahlberg name, many LHS graduates know him for much more. During his 39-year Luverne teaching career, Dahlberg coached various boy's athletic teams, promoted the arts, was an excellent cabinet maker, and when the need arose he quickly stepped forward to teach ballroom dance to senior high students. Dahlberg championed the concept of providing each student with a well-rounded education. Dahlberg concluded his teaching career in the spring of 1986. Shortly after his retirement, in 1987, cancer claimed his life. The scholarship was established by Dahlberg's wife, Donna, and their four children, all LHS graduates, Scott, '66, James, '68, Thomas, '69, and Mary Jo Holtey, '76.

Evan VerSteege Memorial Scholarship

The Evan VerSteege Memorial Scholarship was established in his honor by his wife, Twila '64, and children Tim, Tom and Tami each graduating from LHS in '88, '91 and '97 respectively. Evan, a 1963 LHS graduate, was a life-long resident of the Luverne

area. He farmed, was employed at Terrace Park Dairy, IBP and Farm Pro. Evan embraced the opportunity to know the Laotian community extending respect, kindness and love. In return, lifelong and cherished friendships were developed. The family requests this scholarship be awarded, whenever possible, to a minority student in pursuit of a college/technical degree.

Everett and Jan Brandenburg Family Scholarship

In the winter of 2011, Everett and Jan Brandenburg established this scholarship in their family name. Everett, who was born and raised in Rock County, and Jan, who moved from northern Minnesota to the Magnolia area at the age of 11, both graduated from Magnolia High School. Everett in 1953 and Jan in 1954. Everett and Jan's two children, Lori and Lynn, graduated from LHS in 1975 and 1976, respectively. After high school, Lori and Lynn both entered the health care field. Today, both Lori and Lynn make their home in New Prague, Minnesota. Because of the respect the family has for the health care profession, whenever possible the scholarship should be awarded to an individual wishing to pursue an occupation in either the sciences or health care fields.

Ferd and Marian Luebke Memorial Scholarship

Ferd was born, raised, and educated in South Dakota (Castlewood and SDSU). Marian was born and raised in Marshall, Minnesota. During World War II Ferd served as Chief Public Relations Officer for General MacArthur. Shortly after the war the Luebkes moved to Luverne where Ferd was employed by Tri-State Mutual Insurance. The Luebkes were very active in the community. In 1952 Ferd helped launch the region's first and most popular band festival, the Tri-State Band Festival. This was an annual event the Luebkes cherished. After leaving Luverne in the mid-50's they maintained lifelong ties to the community, often returning to visit friends and the band festival. In 1978 Ferd was honored as the festival's Parade Marshal. Music played an important part in Ferd and Marian's life. Ferd requested, where possible, this scholarship to be granted to an individual pursuing music from a degree-granting institution.

First Dakota Trust & Investments Scholarship

The First Dakota Trust & Investments Scholarship was established in 2019 to demonstrate the bank's support for graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond high school.

First Farmers and Merchants Bank Scholarship

The First F & M Bank Scholarship was established in 1992 to demonstrate the bank's support for graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond the high school years.

First National Bank and Trust

The First National Bank and Trust (Luverne) Scholarship was established in 1992 to demonstrate the bank's support for graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond the high school years.

Florence Sodemann Scholarship

Florence Sodemann, a 1924 LHS graduate, spent her entire career working for insurance companies located in such cities as Chicago; Hartford, Connecticut; and Dallas, Texas. She retired from her vocation in 1972 and moved back to her hometown in 1979 where she resided until her death on September 3, 1999. Florence left a bequest of approximately \$91,000 to each of the following institutions: Luverne United Methodist Church, Luverne Hospice, Rock County Community Library, Luverne Senior Center, and Dollars for Scholars.

Ford Family Scholarship

The Ford Family Scholarship was established to honor Harold and Shirley Ford by their sons and families. Harold and Shirley Ford were both LHS graduates (1938 and 1945). Their sons were also LHS graduates: Roddey (1966), Gregory (1968) and John (1972). Harold and Shirley were lifelong active members in the Luverne community through involvement in their church, high school sports, Luverne Country Club and the hospital. They were supportive of education and Dollars for Scholars.

Forrest Family Scholarship

The Forrest Family Scholarship was established by family in memory of Russell and Helen Forrest. Russell and Helen were lifelong residents of Luverne and their four children and grandson graduated from Luverne High School: Darlene '58, Lorna '61, Loren '62, Audrey '64, Russell '00. Whenever possible this scholarship should be awarded to a student who plans a career in education or agriculture.

Francis Jarchow Memorial Scholarship

The Francis Jarchow Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 2001 by many friends, relatives, and family members. Francis, known as 'Miss Cotter' by many older LHS graduates, came to Luverne as a teacher in the mid-50's, teaching fourth grade. In 1957 she married James Jarchow, '52. They had seven children, all LHS graduates — Jane, '76; John, '77; Dan, '80; Mike, '83; Ellen, '85; Gina, '88; and Tim, '90.

Fred and Evelyn Herman Memorial Scholarship

Fred Herman, born in Minnesota in 1902, became a member of the Luverne community in the late 1920's. Eventually, Fred made the acquaintance of and married Evelyn Ingelson, a resident of rural Springwater Township (Rock County). It was not until 1932 when Fred and Evelyn purchased the Ford dealership in Luverne. Despite having only an eighth grade education, Fred conducted a very profitable, service oriented business. It was a business Fred operated until his death in 1989. The Hermans knew the importance of both education and church. Fred became involved in the local education system, serving many years on the Luverne School Board. Fred and Evelyn also saw to it that their four children obtained a college education. In addition to their involvement in education, Fred and Evelyn were members of and were very active in St. John's Lutheran Church. The Hermans would be very pleased to know they are still involved in helping a young person continue their education. Jim and Judy Herman established this scholarship in 2011.

Frederick II and Lillian Haggard Willrett Scholarship

Frederick "Fritz" Willrett III, a resident of Malta, Illinois, established this scholarship in 2003 in honor of his parents, Frederick II and Lillian Haggard Willrett. Fritz's father, Frederick II, was an Illinois native who came to Luverne in the 30's to work as the Rock County Farm Agent. After working several years in Luverne, Frederick II, along with his wife and newborn son, returned to Illinois where they assumed the daily operations associated with the Willrett family farms. Fritz's mother, Lillian, the 1929 LHS class salutatorian, was the daughter of the late Dr. Charles and Florence Webb Haggard. Her father, who served as mayor of Luverne from 1939-40, worked as a veterinarian in the Rock County area for 47 years. Lillian also had a brother and sister, Leon Haggard and Betty Haggard Pint. They both graduated from Luverne, Leon in 1931 and Betty in 1933.

G. V. Wethor Scholarship

To commemorate their father's 70th birthday, Jerry Wethor's children established this scholarship in his honor. Before Jerry retired, he served as president of Minnwest Bank, Luverne, for more than 20 years. During that time period, not only was Jerry extremely active in the business community, he was also an avid supporter of LHS academics, athletics, music, and other extracurricular activities. Jerry's children are all LHS graduates. Tim, '81, Steve, '84, Kay, '86, Bob, '92, and Susan, '95. The first G.V. Wethor Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2005.

Gary H. Petersen Memorial Scholarship

The Gary H. Petersen Memorial Scholarship was established by his wife Elizabeth (who taught English at LMS from 2003-2013), their sons Andrew and Michael, 1997 and 2000 LHS graduates, along with friends and family. Gary passed away at the age of 72 on March 5, 2020 after a 10-month battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Prior to that, Gary was an active, vibrant man who especially loved to fish, garden, play tennis, and spend time with his 3 grandchildren.

A 1965 graduate of LHS, Gary was born in Luverne on July 14, 1947 to Kurt and Dorothy (Kemerling) (LHS 1945) Petersen and raised on their Rock County farm. He attended Valparaiso University, and spent his junior year abroad at the Universitat Freiburg in Germany, graduating in 1969 with a German major and a Chemistry minor. He was the first in his family to earn a college degree. Upon graduation, Gary joined the Peace Corps, serving in Kenya from 1969-1971. There he worked with farmers to develop various methods to increase the quality and productivity of their livestock. Returning from Kenya, Gary entered Valparaiso University Law School, graduating in 1974. Upon graduation, Gary and Elizabeth married and moved to Ashland, Oregon, where he worked at Jackson County Legal Services. In 1983, they moved to the Boston area, where Gary practiced law at Williams & Jackson and, later, Sentry Insurance. Wanting to reconnect with his family, in 1990 Gary and family moved to Luverne. Gary accepted a staff attorney position at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). Later, Gary became the director of the SMRLS Family Farm Law Project, something very near to his heart. Based in Mankato and serving 33 counties, Gary worked with farmers to settle financial and legal issues. He retired from the practice of law in 2013. After retirement, Gary and Elizabeth traveled extensively, while maintaining their friendship with their Luverne bridge club. Gary's eight siblings are LHS grads: Bruce (1967); Mark (1969); Kevin (1971); Lyle (1973); Kate Thomas (1974); Dan (1976); Ellie Oldre (1979); and Brad (1986). The scholarship was established in memory of a gentle, selfless man of integrity and quiet reflection who cared deeply about the environment and those less fortunate, especially family farmers. To that end, the family requests that his scholarship be awarded to a graduate with similar interests. The scholarship was first awarded in 2021.

Gene Bendix Memorial Scholarship

Gene Bendix a long-time educator, joined the Luverne faculty in 1962. While in Luverne Gene taught chemistry and coached golf until his retirement in 1981. Prior to coming to Luverne, Gene taught the first ten years of his career at Renville, Minn. Gene's wife, Arlene, was also an educator, teaching several years at the Luverne elementary school. In the years before becoming an educator, Gene graduated from Ortonville, Minn., in 1942. After graduation, he entered the military. Following his service in World

War II, Gene enrolled and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Hamline University. Gene passed away on January 30, 2006. Gene and Arlene's two children, Julie and Michele, graduated from LHS in 1983 and 1988, respectively. The first Gene Bendix Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Geneva, Eileen, and Carol Engebretson Memorial Scholarship

Verona Engebretson, a member of the Class of 1940, established this scholarship in memory of her three sisters— Geneva Engebretson Hatfield, Eileen Engebretson Mickelson, and Carol Engebretson Reimer. Like Verona, her three sisters also graduated from LHS. Geneva graduated in 1930, Eileen, 1933, and Carol was a member of the Class of 1941. The first Geneva, Eileen, and Carol Engebretson Memorial was awarded in 2005.

George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship

George Gabrielson was a lifelong resident of Rock County, while Arna (nee Helle) was born in Norway and immigrated to Rock County at the age of two. When it became time for George and Arna to begin their formal education, both started school without knowing a single word of English in a one-room country school. In 1937, George graduated from LHS. Three years later, in 1940, Arna graduated from LHS. Upon their marriage, George and Arna farmed throughout their married life. In addition to farming, George also worked as an agent for Farmers Union Insurance. The Gabrielsons loved to travel, enjoyed time with their family, and were very proud of their Norwegian heritage. Although George and Arna never attended college, they were both extremely pleased that all six of their grandchildren did and each obtained a college diploma. Following George's death in 2010, this scholarship was established in George's memory by his wife, Arna, and their two daughters, Linda and Lona. Linda and Lona graduated from LHS in 1968 and 1970, respectively. The first George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Gerald & Lois Lorenzen Agricultural Memorial Scholarship

Committed to farming: Gerald and Lois Lorenzen spent their entire lives farming in Rock County, MN. Purchasing a farm just south of Jasper, MN in the early 1950's they provided a great home for 12 children. Neither Gerald or Lois, nor any of their children, graduated from Luverne. All of their children graduated from Jasper, MN. However, their roots were in Rock County. With many family ties to the Luverne school district, it is only fitting that the youth of Rock County benefit from the blessings of Gerald and Lois' accomplishments. Practicing good land management, soil conservation and excellent animal husbandry, their compassion and love for farming can only be exemplified through the establishment of this scholarship and the recipient there of. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a student pursuing a career in Agricultural/Natural Resources related fields.

Gerald & Lois Lorenzen "Silent Hero" Memorial Scholarship

Gerald and Lois Lorenzen spent their entire lives farming in Rock County, MN. They purchased a farm just south of Jasper, MN in the early 1950's. Providing a great home for 12 children left very little time for anything else. Through good times and bad and never for public recognition they always found time for others. Whether it was helping a neighbor get his crop in or giving a stranger a ride when his car broke down, there was always time to lend a helping hand and not expect anything in return: forever the silent heroes. Their door was always open to anyone who stopped in for a relaxing cup of coffee and a break from the busy farm

life. Neither Gerald or Lois, nor any of their children graduated from Luverne. All of their children graduated from Jasper, MN. However, their roots were in Rock County. This scholarship is established in the spirit of giving selflessly to others. The recipient of this scholarship should accept this with the understanding that they too must practice generosity and selflessness throughout their life in good times and bad. Be a silent hero. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a student pursuing a career in Agriculture/Natural Resources/Health Care/ Public Service.

Gladys Severtson Scholarship

It was Gladys's request that a certain portion of her life-savings be given to help female students from Luverne High School receive post-secondary education and training at the time of her death. Gladys passed away in 1995 and her gift continues to help female graduates through the Dollars for Scholars program.

Glaser Family Scholarship

The Glaser Family Scholarship was established shortly after the 2000 All-School Reunion as a way to preserve the Glaser heritage and the family connection to the Luverne area. The members of the Glaser family, each one a graduate of LHS, include brothers Lester, '28, Harold, '29, and Earl, '36; and Earl's children: Barbara, '66, Linda, '67, Nancy, '69, Elizabeth '76, and Jim, '77.

Glen's Food Center Scholarship

Glen's Food Center was a local supermarket owned and operated by Glen Gust for 40 years. This business employed countless LHS students during its years of operation. Glen Gust was a passionate entrepreneur who continually gave back to the citizens of Luverne by donating groceries and money to virtually every group imaginable. In establishing this scholarship, Glen wished to sustain the legacy of giving back through Glen's Food Center. It is Glen's wish that this scholarship be awarded to a student who shares his passion for business. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in business.

Golla Family Scholarship

George and Evangeline Golla entered Luverne in 1946 and immediately became active members of the community and school. The Gollas were extremely involved in the activities of their three children, each graduating from Luverne High School. Their children were Vikki, Gary, and Jim, graduating in 1962, 1967, and 1972, respectively. Since their children's graduation, three grandchildren also graduated from Luverne. Andrew in 1989, Nathan in 1992, and Jennifer in 1995. A third generation of Gollas will eventually grace the halls of LHS, namely Jackson, in 2019, and Josephine in 2021. Following the family tradition of service to the community, Barb Golla, Gary's wife, served on the Luverne School Board from 1984 until 1995. Because George and Evangeline stressed the importance of being active in and giving back to the community, the Gollas prefer this scholarship be awarded to a student who has displayed good leadership qualities throughout their high school career, and/or who has given service to their community. The first Golla Family Scholarship was awarded in May, 2007.

Gordon Gits Memorial Scholarship

The Gordon P. Gits Memorial Scholarship was established in 2012 by his wife, Barbara, his children, Theresa, Paul, Mary and Elizabeth, friends and former students. Gordon was an energetic high school English teacher in the Luverne School District for 34 years, from 1955 to 1989. During his teaching career, he was named

“Outstanding Young Educator” by the Luverne Jaycees in 1967 and in 1968 he received the “Teacher of Excellence” by the MN Teacher of the Year program. He served three terms as Mayor of Luverne, from 1987 through 1992, following 12 years on the City Council. Among many other volunteer projects, Gordy played an integral role in launching the *Alumni News*, a quarterly newspaper for Luverne High School Alumni, also serving as contributing editor. He enjoyed reading, working in the yard, traveling, and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Gordon passed away on March 12, 2012. The scholarship recipient, if possible, should be an individual who plans to seek a degree in education. The first Gordon Gits Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Gordon Overgaard Memorial Scholarship

The Gordon Overgaard Memorial Scholarship was established by his wife, Mabel, '45, daughter, Marcia, '75, and four sons, Gary, '70, Glenn, '72, Mark, '76, and Loren, '81, in memory of Gordon in February, 2002. Until his retirement, Gordon spent his entire life working as a farmer in Rock County. Since his livelihood was in agriculture, the scholarship recipient, if possible, is to be an individual planning to pursue some type of agricultural occupation.

Gordon 'Swede', Lucylle 'Tillie' and William 'Bill' Jarchow Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Gordon 'Swede' Jarchow (LHS '33), Lucylle 'Tillie' Jarchow (LHS '37) and William 'Bill' Jarchow (LHS '71). All were proud graduates of Luverne High School. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to an LHS graduate with a physical disability, preferable but not limited to hearing loss, to help further their education.

Grace Fink Memorial Scholarship

The Grace Fink Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 by Grace's four grandchildren — Patricia Fink Body, '69, Marcia Fink Dahlman, '70, Linda Rening, and Jean Roehning Linnell. Grace spent 46 years in education, working the last 20 years of her career as a teacher at the Beaver Creek Elementary School. According to Patricia, Grace loved the teaching profession, and she took a special interest in each one of her students. “She was a wonderful grandmother,” wrote Patricia, “and she stressed the importance of getting a good education. In fact, she told us that we needed that ‘little piece of paper,’ meaning a college education.” By establishing this scholarship in Grace's memory, the grandchildren hope to help someone else in their quest to obtain that ‘little piece of paper.’ Grace Edna Milton Fink died in October, 1998, at the age of 97.

Gregg Gropel Scholarship

Norm Torrison, a 1950 LHS graduate, quietly challenged the Dollars for Scholars trustees to match his gift and honor Gregg Gropel (for the work he has done with the scholarship program) by establishing a scholarship in his name. The challenge was accepted and the scholarship announcement was made in conjunction with Mankato State University's annual *Distinguished Alumni Awards* ceremony, held on its campus in 2010. At that time the University also paid tribute to Gregg's community involvement, stating, “Gregg was instrumental in implementing the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program . . .” and “is credited with much of the program's phenomenal success.” The first Gregg Gropel Scholarship was awarded in May, 2010.

Gregg Nath Memorial Scholarship

It was Gregg's request that a certain portion of his life-savings be given to help a Luverne High School student receive post-secondary education and training at the time of his death. Gregg's desire of this scholarship was to show continued community support for the area he was born and raised.

Haakenson Family Memorial Scholarship

In honor of their parents, Lars and Anna Haakenson, and their uncle and aunt, Jorgen and Helene Haakenson, the children of Lars and Anna Haakenson—Ethel Carson, Helmer Haakenson (Helmer's late wife was Joan Serie Haakenson), Helen Probst, and Lorraine Eggimann—all graduates of Luverne High School, initiated and established the Haakenson Family Memorial Scholarship. In the early 1900's, Lars and Anna, Jorgen and Helene, immigrated from Norway to Rock County where they farmed and lived until their death. Since the Haakenson families were life-long farmers, the recipient, if possible, should be an individual who plans to seek a career in agriculture or attend a technical college. The scholarship was established in 2004.

Hal Wildung Music Scholarship

Harold (Hal) Fred Wildung graduated from LHS in 1952 where he first developed his passion for music being involved in choir, band and church music. In 1951, Hal marched in the first Tri-State Band Festival Parade. He attended Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating in 1956 with degrees in music, english and education. Later Hal received his master's degree in choral music from the MacPhail College of Music. Vocal music and arts education became the focus of Hal's career. He taught choral music in public schools in Arizona and South Dakota for a few years before joining the Robbinsdale School District in 1959. Hal initially taught junior high music, then became the Music Department Chair and head of the vocal/choral music at Cooper High School in 1964. Hal moved to Armstrong High School in 1979 and taught vocal/choral music there until 1983. He served as Coordinator of Comprehensive Arts and Language Arts for the school district from 1984 until his retirement in 1992. Through those years, Hal championed arts education in public schools and helped instill a love of vocal music in hundreds of students. Throughout his life, he followed and supported former students as they advanced their professional music careers throughout the United States and abroad. Hal Wildung passed away on February 18, 2025. The first Hal Wildung Memorial was awarded in May, 2026.

Hardwick State Bank Scholarship

The Hardwick State Bank Scholarship was established in 1996 to demonstrate the bank's support for graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond the high school years.

Harry and Emma Goehle Franz Memorial Scholarship

Harry Franz returned from World War II military service in 1947 and began his thirty-six-year teaching career with the Luverne Public Schools. Before his retirement in 1981, Harry had taught in the fields of agriculture and science as well as coaching athletics and serving as school counselor. Harry, a starting guard on the 1939 Minnesota State Championship basketball team (Mountain Lake), remained actively involved in sports but with a love throughout his life for basketball. Ray Merry, head coach of the 1964 Luverne State Basketball Championship team, credits Harry with much of the team's success. Said Merry, "Our scout, Harry Franz, played a huge role with his great scouting reports on opposing teams." He

was always willing to work with young athletes as well as veteran players in sharpening their skills. As a skilled teacher, a wise counselor, and a dynamic coach, Harry molded and guided the lives of many youngsters growing up in Luverne. In 1950, Harry married Emma Goehle, a 1935 LHS graduate. They had three children, Debra (LHS, 1971), James (LHS, 1980), and Brad (Willmar HS, 1983). In recognition of Harry's lifelong devotion to the students of Luverne High School, the Harry Franz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded, if possible, to an LHS graduate who wishes to pursue a career in education. The first Harry Franz Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2005.

Harvey Eitreim Memorial Scholarship

The Harvey Eitreim Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Harvey Eitreim. Harvey, a longtime Luverne Public School employee, both teacher and administrator, served a number of years in the capacity of superintendent. Harvey was associated with many community projects and he was a charter member of the Dollars for Scholars program.

Helen Rathjen Steinfeldt Memorial Scholarship

Helen Rathjen Steinfeldt graduated from Luverne in 1936. She continued her education and then worked in Detroit Lakes, Minn., from 1937 to 1948 as a beautician. During the time in Detroit Lakes, she formed a friendship with three girls. Filled with an adventuresome spirit, the foursome purchased an airplane in 1945 and learned to fly. They affectionately named their Taylor-Craft airplane the "Overdraft." Helen married Lowell Steinfeldt in 1952, and moved to American Fork, Utah, where the couple operated a Texaco gas station for 20 years. In their later years, the couple retired and moved to Luverne. Helen, a talented knitter, passed away June, 2008, in Luverne. The first Helen Rathjen Steinfeldt Scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2009.

Helmer and Joan (Serie) Haakenson Family Scholarship

The Helmer and Joan Haakenson family roots run deep in Rock County. Helmer was born and raised in Luverne. Joan, who passed away in 2004, graduated from LHS in 1944. Prior to his retirement in 1981, Helmer worked as an electrician—first in the Luverne area and later in Sioux Falls. Joan, the mother of five children, enjoyed working at home as well as attending her children's and grandchildren's extracurricular activities. Helmer and Joan's five children, Cheryl, Marsha, Sandy, Michael, and Mary, all graduated from Luverne. This scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2006, will be presented to a graduate who participated in extracurricular activities and who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college. This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2006.

Henry and Olga Kuhlmann Memorial Scholarship

The Henry Kuhlmann Memorial Scholarship was established in January, 1992, by Olga Kuhlmann in memory of her husband, Henry. The Kuhlmanns farmed in Rock County before their retirement.

Henry and Mabel Anderson Hengeveld Scholarship

Before retiring and moving to California, Henry and Mabel Anderson Hengeveld farmed many years in Rock County. During their active farming career, the Hengevelds were very active in several Rock County farm organizations. Because of their farming connection, the Hengevelds prefer that the scholarship be given to a student meeting the Dollars for Scholars criteria and who might pursue a career in agri-business. Mabel was a member of the Class of '30.

Herbert and Gertrude (Petersen) Kiebach Memorial

The Herbert and Gertrude (Petersen) Kiebach Memorial scholarship was established in 2006 by Janice Kiebach Kleven (Class of 1957) and Maxine Kiebach Johnson (Class of 1965) in loving memory of their parents, who resided and farmed near Hardwick, Minnesota, for 33 years. The recipient is selected using Dollars for Scholars criteria. Additionally, whenever possible, the scholarship should be awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in a health-care-related field. The first Herbert and Gertrude (Petersen) Kiebach Memorial scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Herman and Genevieve Goehle Memorial Scholarship

Herman and Genevieve (Anderson) Goehle were both graduates of Hills High School, graduating in 1934. Approximately six years later they married. The Goehles moved to Luverne where they became very active participants in the business community. One of their many business ventures included Goehle Hardware, a firm which they owned for 30 years. During the World War II, Herman was a member of the Navy. Genevieve passed away in 2005, and Herman in 2008. The Goehles are survived by two children, both LHS graduates—David, 1962, and Donna, 1964. The first Herman and Genevieve Goehle Memorial Scholarship was presented in May, 2009.

Herreid Brothers Scholarship

The K.A.H.R. Foundation, the same charitable body that provided financial support for the impressive Rock County war memorial, established the Herreid Brothers Scholarship in honor of the Herreid brothers—Lloyd H., Ralph A., Paul A., Danny M., and Warren G. The K.A.H.R. Foundation was founded by Warren Herreid II and his wife, Jeannine Rivet. Three of the five brothers graduated from Luverne—Lloyd in 1928, Paul in 1932, and Warren, the youngest, graduated in 1938. Each brother became directly involved in the Luverne business community. Lloyd (1907-1985), in the early years of the 20th century, first worked for Nelson Brothers Department Store. Later, Lloyd worked for Creeger Co., then started his own clothing store, and ended his working days with Rolph Construction. Ralph (1909-1999), with the help of his wife Ruth, was a watchmaker and proprietor of Herreid's Jewelry. (See Ralph and Ruth Herreid Memorial Scholarship.) After high school, Paul (1911-1992) went to work in his father's elected office, serving as Rock County Deputy Treasurer. After his father's death, Paul was elected as the county's treasurer, a position he held for nearly 40 years. Daniel (1913-1995), named after his father, worked in several local grocery stores, including Clyde Stephen's Meat Market. Eventually, Daniel entered the military. After his discharge, Daniel became a dietician for the VA Hospital located in Sioux Falls. Warren, the youngest child of Daniel and Mathilda Herreid, worked his early years in his brother's jewelry store and was a member of the Luverne National Guard. While training in Alaska, Warren soon found himself involved in World War II, until its end in 1945. After the war Warren returned to Luverne and went to work once again for his brother. Then, in 1951, the guard unit was reactivated and called to serve in the Korean Conflict. Shortly after the Korean Conflict, Warren left Luverne and settled in Sauk Centre, Minn., where he became the proprietor of his own jewelry store. Warren eventually sold his business and went to work for Rosemount Engineering, spending 26 years with that company. Upon retiring from the engineering firm, Warren returned to Luverne. It should be noted that Warren spent slightly more than 20 years with the guard, obtaining the rank of Sergeant

Major. The first Herreid Brothers Scholarship was awarded in May, 2009.

High School Student Council

Realizing the tremendous role Dollars for Scholars has played in the lives of so many LHS graduates in the past, the Luverne High School Student Council passed a resolution in 2002 to establish its own scholarship.

Howard H. and Donna Lou Schmidt Music Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Donna Gilbertson Schmidt and Howard Schmidt. According to the Schmidt children, Donna expressed a desire to establish a fund to assist children in the appreciation, education, and performance of music in all its forms. Whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to a graduate pursuing a degree in music or to one which excelled in high school music. Both Donna and Howard graduated from Luverne in 1946. Their children—Andrew, '72, John, '74, Martha, '75, and Charles, '81—are also Luverne graduates. The scholarship was established in 2006 by friends and family.

Jacqueline Nolte Jones Memorial Scholarship

This memorial was established by Norman Torrison who was Jock's significant friend for the nine years prior to her death in June of 2011. Jock, as she was called by her friends, was a graduate of Wayzata High School and Vassar College. She was a major donor to the arts in the Twin Cities and was responsible for the Charles Nolte Scholarship at the U of M and for a scholarship in her name at Vassar College. She is survived by five children and ten grandchildren. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2012.

Jake and Viola Schoon Family Scholarship

The Jake and Viola Schoon Family Scholarship was established during the summer of 2005 in honor of Jake and Viola Schoon. Jake and Viola had two children, Warren and Doris. In the early years, Jake sold automobiles, first in the Steen area then later in Luverne. His auto business was known as Schoon Motors. Warren eventually took over the business. Warren and his first wife, Betty Johnson Schoon, both graduated from LHS. Each were valedictorians of their respective classes, Warren of the Class of 1940 and Betty of the Class of 1938. Doris, a 1947 LHS graduate, was a medical doctor in the Anaheim, California area. The first Jake and Viola Schoon Family Scholarship was awarded to a member from the Class of 2006.

James Harner School Administration Scholarship

James Harner moved to Luverne, Minnesota in 1971 with his wife, Delores. He was employed by Luverne Public Schools as the high school principal for the next 22 years. James and Delores had three children graduate from LHS, Brad '81, Pam '83 and Cynthia '85. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to someone pursuing an administrative position in an elementary, middle or high school.

Jane Gropel Memorial Scholarship

Jane loved children. She taught preschool for several years in the Jack & Jill Learning Center, which was housed in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. The program closed in 1988 due to rising insurance premiums. In 1989, Jane developed the curriculum for and launched the Discovery Time preschool program under the school's Community Education umbrella. Jane's teaching career

started in 1967 with her first teaching assignment in Owatonna where she taught first grade for three years. (Jane slipped and fell in the classroom. As Jane started to get back up on her feet a young first grader looked at her and said, "I thought you died.") Upon moving to Luverne in 1970, Jane taught two years of kindergarten. After taking time off to raise her four sons, she stepped back into teaching, working with the Jack & Jill Preschool for seven years (1981-1988), and following that in Discovery Time for fourteen years. Jane Gropel touched the lives of hundreds of young children during her lifetime. Not long ago one young man stopped, looked at Jane, and said, "All through my school years when people asked me who my favorite teacher was I always answered, Mrs. Gropel, my Discovery Time teacher." Jane retired at the end of the 2003 school year, having worked with young, loving, precious children in the community for 26 years. This scholarship was established in 2026.

Jarvis Boisen Memorial Scholarship

The Jarvis Boisen Memorial Scholarship was established by "Jarv's" family in honor of his love for his family and Luverne, where he was born in 1927 and lived his entire life. Jarv graduated from Luverne High School in 1945 and was soon drafted into the Army during WWII. He served in Japan and was honorably discharged in 1947. Jarv was a self-taught auto mechanic and in 1957 he bought a downtown business on Main Street, naming it "Jarv's Auto." From 1957 – 1987 he operated Jarv's Auto that featured auto repairs and gas pumps with a devoted local clientele. When he formally retired in 1987, he drove school bus for the Luverne Public School system for 10 years and his dry sense of humor and love of children made him a favorite with the students. Jarv was a well-respected, honorable and honest man who believed in hard work. Jarv passed away in 2023 at the age of 96 leaving a legacy of service to the Luverne community and a lifetime of treasured memories for his 3 sons and 5 grandchildren. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who pursues a career in the automotive or engineering industries.

Jerry Benson Scholarship

Jerry Benson started his teaching career in the fall of 1970 at Magnolia Public Schools, and later, in 1994, continued his profession with the Luverne Public Schools. During his teaching career, Jerry touched many young lives in both the classroom and in many of the extra curricular activities he supervised. In Magnolia he was associated with the football, basketball, baseball programs, and in Luverne he worked with speech, Knowledge Bowl, and Mock Trial. In 2010, colleagues and former students held a benefit for Jerry to help pay medical bills, with the residue of the benefit dollars used to established a scholarship in his honor. It is the wish of Jerry Benson, a current LHS social studies instructor, to award this scholarship to a student planning to enter the field of education. The first Jerry Benson Scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Jerry & Clara Getman Memorial Scholarship

Mom died January 22, 2019; twenty days after 65 of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren joined her to celebrate her 100th birthday. Dad had died 29 years before in April 1990. He was a young 76 years old. They had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and returned from Dad lecturing in Holland. We are grateful for the opportunity to be assured their legacy will include a contribution to the graduates of this little southwestern town. They provided each of us a firm foundation and an example

of the importance of caring for and giving to others.

Jerry married Clara in 1940 and brought his beautiful Arizona born, University of Southern California sorority President, 21-year-old bride to Luverne. The Minnesota winters were an adjustment to this warm weather co-ed. Clara joked about giving up the opportunity of becoming a movie star to marry this handsome Iowa born optometrist. Before they left in 1967, five of their six children had graduated from Luverne High School – Tom '59, Jim '61, Cindy '64, Chuck '67, Bill who was 11 years old, and their French born brother Philip Piot '58. Philip was Luverne's first exchange student and continues to remain an important "brother." Through Jerry's optometry practice and his worldwide influence in child development; and Clara's always present care for anyone who needed encouragement, a meal, or a friend, Luverne DFS provides the avenue for their kindness, care and compassion to be an ever present role model in the lives of graduates furthering their education.

Jerry Jensen Scholarship

Jerry Jensen, a 39-year career LHS faculty member, retired in the spring of 2011. Jerry came to Luverne in 1972. During his many years in education, Jerry taught science and for several summers coached the VFW baseball team. Jerry's wife, Delaine, and their two children, Jennfier and Rebecca, established the scholarship in Jerry's honor. The first Jerry Jensen Scholarship was awarded in 2012.

Jerry P. Kozney, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Jerry P. Kozney, Sr. (1925-1995), was the manager of the meat packing plant in Luverne from 1963-1967. Jerry, his wife, and three children—each child attended Luverne High School—all agreed that the time spent in Luverne was some of the happiest times of their lives.

Jessie Hagedorn Haggard Memorial Scholarship

The Jessie Hagedorn Haggard Memorial Scholarship was established by her three children, all LHS graduates—Winifred Haggard, '50, Dr. Dale Haggard, '52, and Helen Haggard Rollag, '54. After high school, Jessie attended college and soon after was married to Dr. Leon Haggard. Like their children, Jessie and her husband were also Luverne graduates. Jessie graduated in 1930 and Leon in 1931. After their marriage, the couple lived in the Jasper area. Shortly after Leon's death in 1939, the family moved to Luverne. During the war years, Jessie managed the Ration Office. After WWII, Jessie worked at the ASC office until her retirement. Jessie passed away on November 18, 2004. The first Jessie Hagedorn Haggard Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a member in the Class of 2009.

Jim and Ellen Cinkle Family Scholarship

With three generations going through and graduating from Luverne Public Schools, Jim and Ellen Cinkle established the Jim and Ellen Cinkle Family Scholarship. Jim's wife, Ellen Pierson Cinkle, graduated from LHS in 1945. Twenty-four years earlier, in 1921, Ellen's mother, Louise Anderson Pierson, graduated. The third generation to receive diplomas from Luverne were Jim and Ellen's children: David Cinkle and Jeanne Cinkle Wittrock. David, the oldest, graduated in 1971, followed by Jeanne in 1973. The first Jim and Ellen Cinkle Family Scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2005, is presented to a student based on scholastic achievement.

Jim and Mavis Hamann Scholarship

Jim Hamann is a 1956 graduate of Luverne High School. His wife, Mavis graduated from White Bear Lake High School in that same year. They are both 1960 graduates of Mankato State College (now Minnesota State University) with degrees in Education. Jim later earned an MA (1968) and PhD (1971) from the University of Minnesota. He taught English, social studies and math for several years at a junior high school in St. Paul. In 1969, Jim became an assistant principal at Edina High School (MN), and two years later was named as principal of Valley View Junior High School in Edina. Beginning in 1982, Jim served as Assistant Superintendent for Edina Public Schools and retired in 1995. The Hamanns enjoy travel and feel very fortunate to have visited six of the seven continents. They would prefer that whenever possible the scholarship will be awarded to a student who is planning on a career in education. The Jim and Mavis Hamann Scholarship was awarded for the first time in May, 2013.

Jim Boeve Memorial Scholarship

Jim Boeve, a well respected member of the Luverne community, passed away on September 16, 2008, at the age of 52 years. Jim, who grew up on a farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa, graduated from Central Lyon High School in 1973. Following high school, Jim earned a degree in agriculture business from South Dakota State University. Jim and his wife, Marcia, came to Luverne in 1982, when Jim became employed with Minnwest Bank as its Agriculture Loan Officer. Later, Jim served as the bank's Executive Vice-President. Jim and Marcia had three children, each graduated from Luverne. Mikel graduated in 2000, Rashel in 2003, and Derek in 2007. The family requests, whenever possible, to award the scholarship to an honor student who was actively involved in sports and/or fine arts. The first Jim Boeve Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2009.

Jim Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Jim Nelson lived most of his life in Rock County, MN. He attended school in Magnolia where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball, and track. Jim attended Worthington Junior College and played football and basketball. He furthered his education by attending Southwest State in Marshall, MN and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Jim taught physical education and coached football and basketball in Magnolia for a couple years. He then started farming and farmed for more than 45 years. Jim was a hard worker and enjoyed working with his family. Jim also coached a few basketball teams in Luverne and helped with his children's basketball teams while he farmed. Jim was a faithful husband to Jane (Aanenson) and a devoted father to Chad (1989), Corey (1992), and Susan (1997). All of Jim and Jane's grandchildren attended or currently attend school in Luverne. Jim was an avid supporter of all sports and especially enjoyed attending all of his children's and grandchildren's events. Jim lived his life with integrity and will be remembered for his love for his family. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with good character, athletic accomplishments, and an interest in either agriculture or education.

Joan Moeller Shelton Memorial Scholarship

Jim Moeller established this scholarship in memory of his twin sister, Joan Moeller. After receiving her R.N. degree from Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, and a B.S. degree in Nursing Education from Augustana College, Joan dedicated her life to the nursing profession. As the result of cancer, Joan, a 1950 LHS graduate, passed away on March 15, 2002, at the Sioux Valley Hospice

Cottage. The first Joan Moeller Shelton Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2005. The recipient is selected by using the Dollars for Scholars criteria and, when possible, will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in nursing.

John and Carol Reimer Memorial Scholarship

John and Carol Engebretson Reimer were both LHS graduates. At the conclusion of WWII, John and Carol returned to Luverne where they owned and operated the Luverne Laundry and Drycleaners business until 1962. John was born and raised in Luverne. Carol was a ninth grade transfer student from Kenneth. At the age of 14, Carol shared an apartment with her sister Verona Engebretson, Class of 1940, until her senior year. This scholarship, created in 2005 by John and Carol's four children and their families, was established in gratitude for the support and encouragement John and Carol gave to their children for their education. The recipient is to be selected by using Luverne Dollars for Scholars criteria.

John and David Buffington Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2002 by Sue Buffington in memory of her two sons, John and David. John, a 1982 LHS graduate, attended Mankato Vocational Technical Institute and Brown Institute. Prior to his death in 1995 he worked in the Twin-Cities area as a computer technician. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and felt a great deal of self-satisfaction simply by helping others. David, for whom an annual LHS band award is named, died during his senior year of high school at the age of 17. He thoroughly enjoyed band and was a member of the high school golf team. A member of the Class of '88, Dave died in 1987. Both John's and David's death was associated with a genetic hemophiliac condition. The John and David Buffington Memorial Scholarship is awarded using the local Dollars for Scholars criteria.

John and Henrietta Top Memorial Scholarship

John Top, a lifelong resident of Rock County, married Henrietta Brouwer at her parents' home in Lyon County, Iowa, on February 11, 1948. The Tops farmed their entire married life in Rock County as well as in the Luverne school district. John passed away in 1980 from a massive heart attack. And after a long battle with Alzheimer's, Henrietta passed away on Christmas day, 2010, at the Mary Jane Brown Home (MJB) in Luverne. John and Henrietta were parents of two children, Glenda Top Schomacker (LeRoy) and Steve Top (Shirley). Both were graduates of LHS, graduating in '69 and '76, respectively. Their grandchildren—Shelly, '90, Sara, '94, Jon, '98, Stacy, '00, and Amber, '02—were also LHS graduates. The children and grandchildren established this scholarship in memory of John and Henrietta. Because of the care Henrietta received in the later years of her life at the MJB, whenever possible the recipient should be an individual who worked or works at MJB. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

John and Sally Rath Memorial Scholarship

Just days after the unexpected death of John Rath, friends rallied in support of the Rath family and established this scholarship in John's memory and honor. In the fall of 1961, John came to Luverne and served as a secondary school principal until his retirement in the spring of 1991. John and his wife, Sally, had two children, Michael and Nancy. Michael graduated from LHS in 1980, Nancy in 1988. Because of John's lifelong involvement in education, the family requests this scholarship be awarded, whenever possible, to a student pursuing a degree in education. The first John Rath Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2006.

John Getman Memorial Scholarship

The John Getman Memorial Scholarship was established in July 1998 by his mother, brothers, and many caring friends. John, a 1965 LHS graduate, made music his career. He taught music at a Madison, Wisconsin, school for several years prior to his cancer-causing death on December 12, 1997.

John I. Holsen Memorial Scholarship

Former LHS high school principal, John I. Holsen, earned his BA degree in 1940 from Concordia College, Moorhead, and fourteen years later, in 1954, his master's degree from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Holsen started his career in education as a teacher and principal in Winnebago, Minnesota, serving that school from 1947 to 1955. In 1955, he left Winnebago for Luverne, where he served as the Senior High School Principal from 1955 to 1970. While in Luverne, Mr. Holsen was very instrumental in establishing the Southwest Athletic Conference, serving that organization as its first secretary and later as its president for two terms. Mr. Holsen left Luverne in 1970, moving to Mankato where he worked as principal of North Mankato Junior High School and Mankato West Junior School from 1970 until his retirement in June, 1983. Mr. Holsen dedicated his entire career and life to the education of children. On October 24, 2012, Mr. Holsen passed away. The John I. Holsen Scholarship was established by his four children: Pamela Holsen and Jennifer Holsen, 1966 LHS graduates, John F. Holsen, Class of 1970, and Reid Holsen, a 1978 Mankato East graduate. The first John I. Holsen Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Johnson Family Scholarship

The entire John and Rosa Tofteland Johnson family attended Luverne High School at some point in time. But, it was Rosa, a 1943 graduate who played the clarinet in the high school band, who sent the family on down the sweet-sounding path and love for music. Upon exiting from high school, John and Rosa didn't forget about Luverne's music program, as they regularly attended and supported all LHS music activities throughout their lifetime. The next Johnson generation, Dennis, '67, James, '71, and Barbara, '73, all developed a lifelong appreciation for the benefits of music education. The Johnson Family Scholarship was established shortly after Rosa's passing, and is to serve as a link from the past to the future. The scholarship, whenever possible, is to be awarded to a student who participated in high school music, with plans to continue to participate in music activities at the post-secondary level. The first Johnson Family Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Jon and Jeanne Luebke Teaching Scholarship

Jon attended school in Luverne through his sophomore year of high school when his parents moved to Minneapolis. Although he graduated from Hopkins, Jon "never left" Luverne. He has attended reunions, community events and maintained life-long friendships with those people and Luverne. He spent his professional career as an educator. In honor of his devotion to the city and the community a scholarship was made in his and his wife's honor. Whenever possible this scholarship shall be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in teaching.

Jono Bot Memorial Scholarship

The Jono Bot Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends of Jono through memorial contributions. Jono, son of Al and Barbara Bot, was raised in Luverne and graduated from LHS in 1974. The family requests, whenever possible, to award

the scholarship to a student that is interested in pursuing a career in Hospitality Management and who plans to attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN.

Karl and Annie Honken Koll Memorial Scholarship

The Karl and Annie Honken Koll Memorial was established in 1997 by their son, John Koll. The Kolls, who farmed near Hardwick, were lifelong members of the Rock County community. They had two children who graduated from Luverne High School. They were John, '49, and Ann, '54.

Katherine Enger Franklin Scholarship

Katherine Enger, a Hardwick-area student, graduated from LHS at the age of 16 and with the honor of being the class valedictorian. Throughout her high school years, Katherine was active in many of the school's extracurricular activities. Upon graduating from high school in 1932, Katherine attended St. Olaf College and later Mankato Business College. After college, Katherine launched her career as a teacher, spending nearly 44 years in the classroom, retiring in 1980. In 1980, she returned to Luverne to care for her sister. The love of teaching continued pulling on her, and she soon found herself back in the classroom, working with the Luverne Community Education program where she taught bookkeeping, Norwegian, Adult Basic Education, and a few other classes. Whenever possible, the recipient of Katherine's scholarship is to be a female honor student who plans to seek a career in either secondary education (preferably business), the ministry, or medicine. The first Katherine Enger Franklin Scholarship was awarded to a 2008 LHS graduate.

Keitel Kids Scholarship

The Keitel Kids Fund is established with gratitude for our parents, Dr. Bob & Betty Keitel, and our hometown. The fund will support LHS graduates and, if possible, students of color or with financial need, pursuing further education such as college, vocational school or accredited travel or community service experiences.

Ken and Becky Husen Family Scholarship

The Ken and Becky Husen Family Scholarship was established in the fall of 2023 by Becky Husen. Ken and Becky were born and raised in Rock County and both graduated from Luverne High School (LHS) in 1963 and 1965 respectively. Ken and Becky were married for 56 years before Ken passed away on January 6, 2022. They spent most of their married life in Luverne with Ken working in insurance. After retirement, they moved to Alexandria, MN to be closer to their daughter Jennifer and her family. Jennifer graduated from LHS in 1993. After high school, Jennifer and her husband Scott both entered the health care field. Because of the respect the family has for the health care profession and the gratitude Ken and Becky have for the health care they have received through the years, they wish, whenever possible that the scholarship be awarded to an individual wishing to pursue an occupation in the health care field. The first Ken and Becky Husen Family Scholarship was awarded in May of 2024.

Kimberly Sedlacek Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly was the youngest of four Sedlacek children that attended Luverne Schools, Michael '69, Tom '70 and LeAnn '73. Kim would have been a graduate of the LHS Class of 1980. She passed away in April, 1976 at the age of 13. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a student pursuing an occupation in the healthcare field.

K. M. and Lucille Getman Music Scholarship

Ken M. Getman, one of the originators of the Tri-State Band Festival, had a deep love for music. As a result, the Getman family established a scholarship in his memory and is awarded each year to an L.H.S. graduate who was highly active in the school's music program.

Kurt & Dorothy Petersen Memorial Scholarship

The Kurt and Dorothy (Kemerling) Petersen (LHS '45) Scholarship was created in their honor by their children. Longtime Luverne residents, they were married for 72 years when Kurt passed away on September 18, 2019. Blessed with nine children, Kurt and Dorothy raised them on their Springwater Township dairy farm. Throughout, education was always of great importance, whether it be a 4-year degree or vocational school. Kurt and Dorothy were longtime members of St. John Lutheran Church and served in many capacities over the years. Dorothy was in charge of the Funeral Committee for many years. Kurt served as an elder for several sessions. After 12 years of services as a supervisor of the Rock Soil & Water Conservation District, Kurt retired from his position, during which he represented the Rose Dell and Springwater Townships. He was chairman of the board from 1985 to 1987. Dorothy loved gardening and earned many prizes for her flowers. Many of her children have lovingly replanted her beautiful flowers and plants around their own homes. Though poor eyesight has recently robbed her of the sewing pastime that she loved, many of her grandchildren have her handmade quilts to remember her by. Known for her easy disposition, Dorothy continues to look on the bright side of life. All nine of Kurt and Dorothy's children are graduates of Luverne High School: Gary '65, Bruce '67, Mark '69, Kevin '71, Lyle '73, Kate Thomas '74, Daniel '76, Ellie Oldre '79 and Brad '86.

Lammert and Tillie Van Hove Scholarship

Lammert and Tillie Van Hove farmed in the Rock Rapids area. As time passed, the couple eventually retired and moved into Rock Rapids and later to Sioux Falls. While living in Sioux Falls, Lammert passed away. With close connections to former LHS shop teacher Whitey Russman and his wife, Gloria, Tillie moved to Luverne in 1978. When Tillie passed away in 2001, the Russmans initiated the establishing of a scholarship in Van Hove family name.

Larry and Janice Nelson Scholarship

Both Larry and Janice Nelson, husband and wife, were career educators. Larry started his 35-year career with the Luverne school system in 1964. Janice, on the other hand, began her career in 1965 with Magnolia Public School. She left the field of education for a short period of time when their two children—Jeff, '87 and Becky, '90—were born. Janice eventually returned to Magnolia and later joined the staff at the Luverne school. In 1999 both Larry and Janice retired. Janice accumulated a total of 26 teaching years. Although the recipient is to be selected by using the local Dollars for Scholars criteria, the Nelsons would like their scholarship awarded to a student considering a career in education. The scholarship was established in 2002.

Laura "Ma" Finberg - Audrey Smeins Poppen Scholarship

The Laura "Ma" Finberg - Audrey Smeins Poppen Scholarship was established in 2000 by Audrey Smeins Poppen, a 1955 LHS graduate, and her husband Don through the Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation. "If it weren't for 'Ma' Finberg," says Audrey, "I would never have gone on to school. When I learned of Finberg's

passing, I realized that I never really thanked her for her help and encouragement. Preserving her memory by establishing a scholarship in her name is one small way for me to repay her for believing in me." Finberg was dubbed 'Ma' by the student body because of her motherly concern given to the students she was in contact with from day to day. Finberg served on LHS faculty from 1946 until her retirement in 1971. Other graduates from the LHS Class of 1955 have also added to this endowment in Finberg's memory.

Laura Frakes Memorial Scholarship

Laura Frakes, a 1970 LHS graduate, was a strong advocate for education, earning three degrees of her own. Laura earned her first degree in music at Winona State University (Winona), then an MBA degree from Suffolk University (Boston), followed by a law degree from the same prestigious institution. Laura, who owned her own business in the Boston area, was a successful financial counselor. Laura passed away June 21, 2006, in Boston. Because of Laura's strong feelings towards education, the Frakes family established this memorial in Laura's memory to assist other LHS grads in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree. The first Laura Frakes Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Lava Brooks Memorial Scholarship

Realizing the importance of education, Lava Brooks bequeathed a vast amount of money to Dollars for Scholars to assist graduating LHS students with their educational endeavors beyond high school.

Lawrence and Millicent Marsden Memorial Scholarship

In the late 1990's, Lawrence Marsden, a 1937 LHS graduate, wrote and sent a letter to the local scholarship program. In this letter, Lawrence indicated that at his death he would establish an endowment with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars. Lawrence passed away in 2005 and his wife, Millicent, in July, 2010. In December, 2010, the Marsden estate issued a check to the local scholarship program, and the Lawrence and Millicent Marsden Memorial Scholarship was created in their memory. Lawrence and Millicent Snyder Marsden, graduates of Luverne High School and Jackson High School, respectively, ended up residing in High Point, North Carolina, shortly after the second World War. In High Point, Lawrence became involved in the fabrics industry and eventually became a very successful proprietor of his own textile business. Millicent, who graduated summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota with a business degree, utilized her business savvy by helping her husband in his textile firm. Lawrence's father died before Lawrence turned one. His mother, Carrie Marsden, was a member of the Luverne school faculty in the early to mid-1900's. Millicent's father, Stewart Snyder, was a dentist in the Jackson community. The first Marsden scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Lawrence Hamann Scholarship

Lawrence Hamann, community member, established the Lawrence Hamann Scholarship to assist a graduating LHS senior with his or her post-secondary education.

Lee Petersen Memorial Scholarship

Lee Petersen, a 1951 LHS graduate and lifelong resident of Luverne, passed away on April 21, 2011. Upon graduating from high school, Lee worked several years for the City of Luverne, followed by a 25 year career with IBP. During his working years Lee was a member of a local service organization known as the

Luverne Jaycees. It was Lee's involvement in the Jaycees that brought to fruition the popular Luverne Little League baseball program. Surviving Lee are his wife, Delores; and two sons, James and Jeffrey, both LHS graduates. The family established this scholarship in memory of Lee, with the first scholarship awarded in May, 2012.

Lester and Mary Sue Tollefson Memorial Scholarship

The Lester Tollefson Memorial Scholarship was established by friends and family members in memory of Lester Tollefson, the former proprietor of the Luverne Announcer.

Lions 92 Scholarship

In the spring of 2011, after serving the Luverne area for 19 years, the Lions 92 service organization dissolved. One of the organization's final community projects was the establishment of the Lions 92 Scholarship. The first Lions 92 Scholarship was awarded to a member of the Class of 2012.

Lloyd and Ruth Dietrich Schlapkohl Memorial Scholarship

Shortly after attending the 2000 All-School Reunion, Gloria Schlapkohl Siekmeier and her husband, Don, decided to honor Gloria's parents by establishing the Lloyd and Ruth Dietrich Schlapkohl Memorial scholarship. According to Gloria, her father never received a formal education, but he succeeded in both farming and in selling mutual funds in the Luverne area. Her mother, a 1921 LHS graduate, taught country school in Rock County. Says Gloria, "... both valued learning and had a lifelong concern for young people. We hope this scholarship will help others realized the dreams of Lloyd and Ruth Schlapkohl." Gloria graduated from Luverne in 1950

Lloyd D. Long Family Memorial Scholarship

Lloyd D. Long, a 1906 LHS graduate, became a Rock County land owner, auctioneer, and horseman. He married Harriet Josephson, a seventh grade teacher in the Luverne public schools. Lloyd and Harriet eventually became parents of two daughters, Jean C. Long McFarland (deceased) and Helen E. Long Sell. Both daughters graduated from LHS, Jean in 1932 and Helen in 1938. Jean continued her education at colleges in the East, married, and also had two daughters: Diana and Annie. Both girls reside in the East. Helen graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. After her service in WWII as a First Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps's European Theatre, she continued her education and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in nursing education. Helen married Robert L. Sell and became parents of five children—twins sons David (deceased) and Robert, sons Michael and Jonathan (deceased), and daughter Meredith. Robert and Michael reside in the Minneapolis area, and Meredith calls Reno, Nevada, home. Lloyd's daughter, Helen, and his grandson, Michael Sell, continue their farming involvement in Rock County. The Lloyd D. Long Family Memorial Scholarship, whenever possible, is to be awarded to an LHS student wishing to pursue a nursing career or nursing education degree. The first scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Lon Hitch Memorial Scholarship

Lon Hitch, a 1966 LHS graduate, taught junior high geography for 31 years in Minnesota schools. During his teaching career, Lon received numerous awards and recognition for his involvement in getting students to serve as volunteers in the community. In addition to teaching, Lon coached soccer in the Lakeville, Minnesota,

community for 16 years. The Lon Hitch Memorial Scholarship was established in 2006 by his sisters, Darlene Hitch Woolsey, Sandi Hitch, and Betty Hitch Schnettler; his wife, Sue Feigal-Hitch; and his two sons Nate and Justin. Nate and Justin made Lon so proud to be their dad. Lon's sisters—Darlene, Sandi, and Betty—are LHS graduates, graduating in 1962, 1963, and 1973, respectively. This scholarship is to be awarded to a LHS graduate who has volunteered in his or her school and/or community.

Louise Berg Memorial Scholarship

Louise Berg, LHS Librarian since the 60's, died of cancer on May 14, 1998. Throughout her long struggle with cancer, Louise was always giving of herself to those in need. She had a love of learning and a dedicated desire to help students and faculty in any way possible. Louise was selected as the 1996 Luverne Teacher-of-the-Year by the Luverne Education Association.

Lowell Binford Memorial Scholarship

Marybeth Binford, the wife of the late Lowell Binford, along with their children established the Lowell Binford Memorial Scholarship in the winter of 2008. Lowell graduated from Luverne High School in 1947. Soon after graduation Lowell entered the military and served in the Korean conflict. After the Korean War, and before returning to Rock County, Lowell spent a short period of time working in South Dakota. Lowell was very active in community, school, and county organizations. Several graduates may recall that Lowell served several years as a member on the Luverne School Board. Lowell unexpectedly passed away on March 17, 2007. Immediate survivors include his wife and three children—Grant, Eric, and Roslyn, each graduating from LHS in '86, '88, and '93, respectively. The first Lowell Binford Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2008.

Luethje Family Scholarship

Lifelong residents of Luverne, Keith and Betty Hansen Luethje established the Luethje Family Scholarship in October, 2000, in honor of their three children—Deborah, Dean, and Hope. All five members of the Luethje family are graduates of LHS. Keith, from the Class of 1949, Betty, '50, Deborah, '71, Dean, '74, and Hope, '77.

Luverne Alumni Scholarship—Boy

The fund balance from a 1987 Luverne High School All-School Reunion was used to establish two scholarships for graduating LHS students. The students are to be selected using Dollars for Scholars criteria, but with one award going to a boy and the other to a girl.

Luverne Alumni Scholarship—Girl

The fund balance from a 1987 Luverne High School All-School Reunion was used to establish two scholarships for graduating LHS students. The students are to be selected using Dollars for Scholars criteria, but with one award going to a girl and the other to a boy.

Luverne Chapter #47 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship

Luverne Chapter #47 Order of the Eastern Star was a fraternal organization in Luverne for nearly 100 years. The chapter ceased in the later 1990s. At that time the Luverne members joined the Worthington chapter. This scholarship was funded by the Luverne chapter members whose organization has always promoted education and their hope is that this scholarship will continue to help young people.

Luverne Eagles Club Scholarship

The Luverne Eagles Club established the Luverne Eagles Club scholarship to assist a graduating Luverne High School senior with his or her post-secondary education.

Luverne Education Association Scholarship

In 1992 the Luverne Education Association, consisting of Luverne classroom educators, established the Luverne Education Association Scholarship.

Luverne Optimist Club Scholarship

The Luverne Optimist Club established the Optimist Club Scholarship to assist a graduating Luverne High School senior with his or her post-secondary education endeavors.

Luverne Rotary Club Scholarship

Several years prior to the inception of the local Dollars for Scholars program, the Luverne Rotary Club had established its own scholarship endowment. And every year since then the Luverne Rotary Club provided a scholarship to an LHS graduate. In 2000, the Luverne Rotary Club turned its endowment over to the local Dollars for Scholars program, thus allowing the local scholarship organization to be the instrument for selecting and awarding the annual Luverne Rotary Club Scholarship.

Luverne Softball Association Legacy Scholarship

The LSA is a non-profit organization established to foster the girls softball program in Luverne. The Association exists to fulfill the softball needs of the community and serves as the primary advocate for the traveling softball program. The LSA promotes good sportsmanship and the sound development of softball fundamentals within the community. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that girls participating in the program have a positive and rewarding experience that encourages both personal and team growth. The LSA values quality coaching and strives to provide an environment where both players and coaches can develop their softball skills while building confidence, teamwork and leadership. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a girl who participated in high school softball for all four years of their high school career.

Lynette (Noll) Medellin Scholarship

Lynette (Noll) Medellin, daughter of lifelong Luverne residents Vernon and Anna Louise Noll, grew up on a farm nestled below the cliff line of the Blue Mounds near the quarry. She has fond memories of her childhood with her two sisters and her life as a farm kid. The experience of growing up on a farm and receiving her elementary and high school education in Luverne served her well. She graduated from LHS in 1972. Her wish is that, whenever possible, this scholarship be awarded to an individual (female preferred) with a genuine desire to be a future farmer. She believes the role of a female on the farm is underestimated and would like the scholarship to be awarded to a young woman who can appreciate a life and career in agriculture.

Main Street Financial Services Scholarship I

The Main Street Financial Services scholarship was established in 1999 by Mike Cox and Randy Creeger. Knowing the importance of post secondary education and the cost associated with it, both Mike and Randy, Luverne, decided to support the Dollars for Scholars program and its mission by establishing a perpetual scholarship.

Main Street Financial Services Scholarship II

A second MainStreet Financial Services scholarship was established in 2011 by Mike Cox and Nancy Van De Berg ('79), the co-owners of MainStreet Financial Services. As investment executives, Mike and Nancy recognize the importance of education and value the local Dollars for Scholars program for the role it plays in the community. Since investing is their business, Mike and Nancy feel it is paramount for local businesses to invest in and give back to their community. They see Luverne Dollars for Scholars not only as a great place to invest, but as a wonderful way to give back. Through their investment, they see it as a way of helping the youth of the community pursue their educational dreams. The first MainStreet Financial Services Scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Marcus J. Emery Memorial Scholarship

The Marcus J. Emery Memorial Scholarship was established in Marcus's memory by his employer, the Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company in December of 2020. Marcus was a 2012 graduate of LHS, he was a proud member of the Minnesota National Guard and a highly skilled fire apparatus plumbing craftsman for Midwest Fire. Marcus was a decorated member of the National Guard and served at the rank of Specialist. The Midwest Fire team knew and appreciated Marcus as a loyal, hard-working, gifted and fun colleague. As such, the Midwest Fire team has requested that, when possible, this scholarship be awarded to a graduate who is pursuing service in the National Guard (or related branch of the Armed Services) and is interested in a career in the manufacturing and/or a skilled trades profession.

Margaret Vegge Memorial Scholarship

Margaret Vegge, a well-known and respected Luverne businesswoman, passed away on July 16, 2012, at her home. Margaret, following her graduation from LHS in 1933, attended normal training school and later furthered her education at Mankato State Teachers College. Her education played an important part in her life, as she first served as a teacher in Rock County's rural schools. Then, after spending 13 years in the classroom, Margaret went to work for Don and Mary Renfro in Renfro's Variety store. In 1968, she purchased the business from the Renfros and continued to operate the store until her death. She was 96 years old. All who entered her store knew Margaret was a sincere, trusting businesswoman, and was genuinely interested in each one of her customers—always willing to take time from her busy life to listen and talk to each person who walked through her door. Her "business was her pride and joy." Over her lifetime, Margaret belonged to several organizations, including BPW (Business and Professional Women), of which she was a charter member, was very supportive of Augustana College, Luverne Chamber of Commerce, Sons of Norway, and Grace Lutheran Church, where she was a member of the choir for 78 years. The first Margaret Vegge Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Mari Prill Memorial Scholarship

Friends, employees of Tri-State Insurance, and coworkers at Berkley Information Services (BIS), established the Mari Prill Memorial Scholarship in 1993 in Mari's memory. Prior to her death, Mari was employed as the Human Resource Director for BIS.

Marilyn Wethor Memorial Scholarship

The Marilyn Wethor Memorial Scholarship was established in 1993 in Marilyn's memory by friends and family members. Marilyn was very active in the community serving on various committees and boards, one of which was Dollars for Scholars.

Marion Frakes Memorial Scholarship

After serving in World War II, Marion Frakes returned to Rock County and started his own construction firm, building many of Luverne's residential homes and commercial buildings. Later, in 1969, Marion and his wife, Marie, established Frakes Realty. Overall, these two businesses span a total of more than five decades, from 1948 to the present. The first Marion Frakes Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2004.

Mark Eidahl Memorial Scholarship

The Mark Eidahl Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Mark Eidahl, the son of Konrad and Barbara Eidahl. In high school as well as after graduation, Mark was involved in a wide variety of activities which included football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, and drama. In addition, Mark was fond of wildlife and nature; and as a result, Mark had aspirations of becoming a wildlife naturalist. When Mark graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1991, he received the President's Award. On November 5, 1991, Mark, at the age of 24, died in an automobile accident while en route home after a job interview.

Mark Smith Memorial Scholarship

As the result of a heart attack, Mark Smith died on June 14, 2004. Shortly before his death, Mark was busy making plans to move back to Luverne, transferring from his Illinois job to a similar position with Home Depot located in Sioux Falls. Family, friends, and work associates established this scholarship in Mark's memory. The first Mark Smith Memorial was awarded in 2005.

Marlene Mann Memorial Scholarship

Marlene grew up on a farm near Hardwick, MN. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1964. Marlene worked for Luverne Public Schools for 54 years, starting in the library and transitioning to the superintendent's office and ultimately becoming the business manager. Her husband, Gary (LHS '63), started this scholarship in her memory. The first Marlene Mann Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May of 2025.

Marlin Spangrud Scholarship

Toby and Esther Olson farmed until retiring in Luverne, raising three sons. All three sons were graduates of Luverne High School, Omar '67, Kenneth '69 and Dennis '72. They and so many others were greatly influenced by thirty-five year speech and debate coach Marlin Spangrud (Luverne 1960-1969). His many honors include Minnesota Outstanding Debate Coach, Coach of the Year (Minnesota Speech Coaches Association), election to the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors, and a 1994 inductee of the MSHSL Hall of Fame. This scholarship for future leaders honors Marlin and Phyllis Spangrud who exemplify the LHS ideal of teaching excellence.

Marlyn & Karen Roberts Family Scholarship

The Marlyn & Karen Roberts Family Scholarship honors a legacy deeply rooted in the Luverne community. Marlyn Roberts, a 1963 graduate of Luverne High School, married Karen in 1967

before being drafted to serve in Vietnam. Together, they raised five children (Seana, Thad, Tiffany, Shane, Wade) each of whom graduated from LHS – and six of their seven grandchildren are also LHS alumni. Marlyn worked as a barber for over 50 years and was a Luverne volunteer firefighter for 20 years. He was an avid hunter and outdoor enthusiast and passed that passion on to his kids and grandkids. Karen was a nurse for 50 years and has been greatly involved in the community and church. They both showed great dedication to their kids and all of the activities they were involved in. Education and community involvement are strong values in the Roberts family and this scholarship is a heartfelt expression of gratitude – giving back to the Luverne community and the Dollars for Scholars program that has supported their family and so many others over the years.

Mary and Dick Meyer Memorial Scholarship

Mary and Dick Meyer, lifetime residents of Rock County, operated a dairy farm north of Luverne, and they were also the proud parents of seven children. All seven children, who helped at home and worked along side their parents on the dairy farm, were encouraged and allowed to be active participants in school activities. Mary graduated from Luverne High School and Dick graduated from Magnolia High School. They knew the importance of an education. Because of their conviction, each one of their seven children were not only encouraged, but were expected to do the best they could in school. Each graduated from Luverne High School, and each pursued further training and/or education. For these reasons, their seven children established the Mary and Dick Meyer Memorial Scholarship in their parents' honor. The first Mary and Dick Meyer Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Mary Christensen Blake Memorial Scholarship

Mary Christensen Blake and her twin brother, Albert Christensen, graduated from Luverne High School in 1932. In her early years, Mary lived with her family in Kanaranzi Township. At the age of six, her family moved to Luverne. After high school, Mary attended Augustana College, graduating in 1936. Thereafter and prior to World War II, Mary taught school in South Dakota and Minnesota. During the war years she taught school in Brazil. Following the war, Mary continued working in her chosen career, teaching school for 28 years in Miami, Florida. Mary lost her first husband, Gerald Murphy, in 1974. In 1975, Mary was united in marriage to E. A. "Doc" Blake. It was also in 1975 that Mary and "Doc" moved to Luverne, however the winter months were spent in Arizona. Mary, the surviving spouse, passed away in January, 2008. It was Mary's wish was that her scholarship, whenever possible, be given to a student going into education and who plans to attend either a Catholic or Lutheran affiliated college. The first Mary Christensen Blake Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2009.

Mary Freeburn Torrison Scholarship

Mary Freeburn Torrison, the late wife of LHS graduate Norman Torrison, '50, graduated from Sioux Falls Washington High School and South Dakota State University. Prior to her death in 2001, Mary taught nursing in Sioux Falls and later in the Minneapolis area. Preference for this scholarship will be given to an individual planning to attend South Dakota State University or who plans to enter a nursing degree program. The first Mary Freeburn Torrison Scholarship was awarded in 2004.

Mary Goheen Music Appreciation Scholarship

Mary Goheen started teaching in Luverne in 1983 as an elementary music teacher. She taught in Magnolia (K-6) and Luverne (5-6) until 1994. In 1994 Mary became the Middle School band director. During many of these years, the period from 1983 through 2010, Mary also worked with the Luverne Marching Band and Flag Corps. Whenever possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a senior who participated in band during their last four years of school. The first Mary Goheen Music Appreciation Scholarship was awarded in May, 2012.

Menage Family Scholarship

Elmer & Karen Menage established this scholarship, along with family and friends, as a memorial to their son Jeff following his death December 17, 2013. Elmer, a 31 year LHS faculty member, joined the staff in 1967 retiring in 1998. He taught physical education, coached football and track and served as athletic director. Karen was also an educator, serving as a substitute teacher for a number of years. Elmer & Karen are parents of three LHS graduates: Kristin '80, Jeff '82 and Tom '88. The first Menage Family Scholarship was awarded in 2014.

Minnwest Bank Scholarship

The Minnwest Bank Scholarship was established in 1992 to demonstrate its support to graduating high school seniors as they continue their quest for education beyond high school.

Miss Hannah's Memorial College Fund

Hanna Violet Dooyema was called home to heaven in the spring of 2021 at 20 week 3 days gestation, and two days later was delivered into the arms of her parents, Sam and Jackie Dooyema. Although Hannah's life was cut short on this Earth, she was strong, fighting long enough to be able to meet her parents. She was stubborn and sassy at all of her appointments and up to her delivery. Hannah is missed dearly but she is now with Jesus, and her parents rest in the truth that they will see her again. Her Southern belle nickname Miss Hannah was bestowed upon her as she was born in Nashville, Tennessee, where the family resided at the time.

Jackie and Sam (LHS '09) decided to take money set aside for Hannah's college fund and establish a scholarship to honor their daughter's memory and continue to share both her story, and the story of Christ's love for all who come to know him. She is deeply loved by her parents, great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and dear friends, many of whom graciously contributed to her scholarship. While Hannah was not able to attend college, her parents ask that a deserving student have that opportunity through Miss Hannah's Memorial College Fund.

Mort B. and Mildred P. Skewes Memorial Scholarship

Mort Skewes, a 1926 LHS graduate, practiced law in Luverne for over 63 years. During that time he was active in many community functions. He served several years on the Luverne School Board and served as counsel to the school district for over 30 years. Prior to the start of Dollars for Scholars program, Mort was instrumental in establishing the Gunderson and Finke Scholarship which are perpetual scholarships held in trust by the school district. Mildred, who passed away in 2000, was a former LHS faculty member.

Naidine (Wulf) Aanenson Memorial Scholarship

Naidine (Wulf) Aanenson graduated from Luverne High School in 1948. From an early age drawing and painting especially landscapes were very important to her. She was well known in the

area for her artistic talents and even had a one-woman art show in Worthington, MN. Her entries at the Rock County Fair always won high honors including Grand Champion ribbons. Whenever possible, this scholarship is to be awarded to a student who is looking to pursue a career in art.

Nathan Skattum Memorial Scholarship

Nate was an LHS graduate, class of 1991. He was involved in the community and dedicated to helping others thrive. Nate was often quick to volunteer, helping out at various community and high school events. His selfless attitude and service to others was exemplary. The recipient of this scholarship, if possible, should be someone preparing their career in the agricultural and/or customer service industry. Nate was the co-owner of Skattum's Confinement Systems where he helped numerous customers with their swine and ag needs.

Nathan Wynia Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Jay Wynia, a 2000 LHS graduate, did many things in his short life span. He worked at and placed smiles on the faces of many residents at the Mary Jane Brown home, was a member of the Luverne National Guard, served his country in England in support of Enduring Freedom, attended Bemidji State College, and worked as a correctional officer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Nathan loved spending time with his family and friends, loved a good game of poker, and enjoyed camping. Nathan passed away on March 22, 2008. Whenever possible, the Nathan Wynia Memorial Scholarship should be awarded to an enthusiastic, caring individual who is interested in sports. The first Nathan Wynia Memorial was awarded in 2009.

New Horizon Farms LLP / New Horizon Feeds LLC

This scholarship was established in 2003 by New Horizon Farms to encourage young people to pursue careers in agriculture—our major industry. New Horizon Farms is a farrow-to-finish swine producer located in Pipestone and Rock Counties and markets hogs for many area farmers. Whenever possible, Dollars for Scholars will award this scholarship to a student interested in agricultural studies, preferably the animal sciences.

Norma Gangestad Scholarship

The Norma Gangestad Scholarship was established in early 2009 by her children and grandchildren. As a single mother, Norma worked at different waitressing jobs in Luverne to support her eight children, all of whom graduated from Luverne High School. Her children are Howard, '61, Jan, '63, Dave, '64, Alice, '65, Delbert, '67, Dallas, '70, Becky, '72, and Dale, '74. A few years following her retirement, Norma moved from Luverne to Arizona. The first Norma Gangestad Scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2009.

Norma Jauert Severson Memorial Scholarship

The Norma Jauert Severson Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 by friends and family in Norma's memory, and in honor of the education her seven children — Arlyn, Ron, Cheryl, Rick, Vickie, Lori, and Gregg—received from the Luverne school system. The recipient of this award should be an individual of diverse interests and one who has been involved in the betterment of his or her community through participation in fine arts, sports, volunteerism, and interest in the community.

Norman and Louise Vegge Family Scholarship

Louise Drost Vegge, a 1942 LHS graduate, established the Norman and Louise Vegge Family Scholarship in November, 2003,

just weeks before cancer claimed her life. Louise and her husband, Norman, farmed south of Luverne until 1988, when Norman passed away. Shortly thereafter, Louise left the farm and moved into Luverne. The Vegges had two children, Daryle Vegge and Connie Vegge Connell, both are LHS graduates. Daryle graduated in 1965 and Connie in 1968.

Norman Torrison Trust Scholarship

As an avid supporter and promoter of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program, 1950 LHS graduate Norman Torrison established the Norman Torrison Trust scholarship. Norm has been very instrumental in the creation of several scholarships, particularly those memorial scholarships which commemorate his high school classmates and his immediate family. Norm has also initiated several successful funding challenges to the later LHS graduating classes, those being the Class of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. Norman also helped the Class of 2009 and 2010 with a challenge. Norm has also set up a trust with the St. Paul Foundation so that at his death the earnings from it will be made available to Luverne Dollars for Scholars. The scholarship will be awarded to students who attend the University of South Dakota. The first Norman Torrison Trust Scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Okie & Cleone Honken Memorial Scholarship

Okie and Cleone were lifelong residents of Rock County, and operated Honken Construction for 40+ years. Okie was born to build, and one could expect nothing less than the highest quality work in each project he completed. Cleone was at his side managing the business and their family. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a graduate pursuing a certificate or degree in the area of building trades.

Oldre Brothers Honorary Scholarship

Knute Oldre '17 and Gunnar Oldre '20 share a strong passion for the community and higher education. As a result the brothers chose to partner and establish a scholarship in 2021 at the ages of 22 and 19 before finishing their own higher education journeys. The Oldre's were recipients of Dollars for Scholars scholarships and recognize the important role financial assistance plays in the college process. Although the brothers were highly involved in a lengthy list of academic, athletic and fine arts programs while in school, both feel forensics were formative to their further collegiate and career success. The recipient is selected by the Dollars for Scholars criteria, but if possible, the brothers request the scholarship be awarded to a leader in speech and/or mock trial.

Onno and Mildred Klosterbuer Memorial Scholarship

Onna and Mildred Klosterbuer were both lifelong Rock County residents who farmed southeast of Luverne for over 40 years. Mildred taught for five years at country school. Both were avid readers and enjoyed philosophical discussions. They believed in the importance and value of education as evidenced by the fact that all four of their children received post-graduate degrees.

Oscar Helle Memorial Scholarship

Except for the three years Oscar Helle served in the Korean War, he spent his entire life farming and living on the Helle family farm. This scholarship was established by Oscar's wife, Florence Hoiland Helle. Both Oscar and Florence graduated from Luverne, Oscar in 1946, and Florence in 1948. Oscar was very interested in agriculture and good, sound, farming practices. Because of his love for the farm this scholarship, whenever possible, will be

awarded to a student who plans to seek a career in agriculture. The first Oscar Helle Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Pam Ehde Lais Memorial Scholarship

Pam Ehde Lais, a 1990 LHS graduate, died suddenly and unexpectedly on October 17, 1996. Family, friends, classmates, Berkley Information Services (BIS) coworkers, and business associates established the Pam Ehde Lais Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Prior to her death, Pam was employed as a computer programmer at BIS. Since Pam's background was in computers, the recipient, if possible, is to be an individual who plans to pursue a field in computer science.

Pat Smedsrud DPT Memorial Scholarship

The Pat Smedsrud DPT Memorial Scholarship was established by her family, husband Steve '87, son Anthony '03, daughter Kynzie '15 and son Chaz '16 in her memory in January of 2017. Pat graduated from Luverne High School in 1979 where she was active in basketball and track and field. She then attended Granite Falls Vo-tech before moving to Augustana University for a semester. She continued her undergraduate studies at Mankato State University where she received her Bachelors degree in science. Pat then went on to receive her Masters and Doctorate degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA in Physical Therapy. She then worked as a physical therapist at Sanford Hospital and then the Veterans Home in Luverne until her passing and truly enjoyed going to work every day. She was a caregiver to everyone till the end, and was loved by many. Pat loved life, a good camp fire, everything about the Black Hills, Viking victories, running, and anything her children were involved in, especially their sporting events. Remembered as fun loving, Pat was always up for anything with her family and friends who were the most important to her. The family requests, whenever possible, to award this scholarship to a student who is active in hockey and/or track and is pursuing an education in the healthcare field.

Paul Iverson and Ruth Nelson Iverson Memorial Scholarship

Paul, '33, and Ruth, '35, were both lifelong residents of Rock County. This scholarship was established by their three sons, Richard, '64, Robert, '67, and Ralph, '77, in honor of their parent's priority and emphasis on higher education. All five of their children graduated from college because of this encouragement. Paul and Ruth would be pleased that future Luverne High School graduates can also reach this goal through the use of this scholarship.

Peg Hoiland Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Peg Hoiland, a 1973 graduate of Luverne High School, died of cancer on September 7, 1990. Family and friends established the scholarship in her loving memory. Each summer, family and friends host a golf tournament in Luverne in Peg's memory. The tournament, known as The Peg Hoiland Golf Tournament, acquires additional dollars in support for Hospice and Dollars for Scholars.

Peggy Gabrielson Roeder Memorial Scholarship

The Peggy Gabrielson Roeder Memorial Scholarship was established in October, 2000, in memory of Peggy by her two sisters, Olga Olson and Clare George, and one brother, Arnie Gabrielson. "Our sister," said Clare George, "loved children, and she loved Luverne. Some of the happiest years of her life were spent living in Luverne. And by establishing this scholarship we will be able to preserve her memory."

Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship

The Philip N. Ordnung Family Scholarship, was established in December, 2000, by Philip and Lily K. Ordnung's two children, Philip F. and Harvey A. Ordnung. In 1920 the Ordungs started farming west of Luverne. During their farming years, Philip was very active in community and township affairs. Lily K. Franklin Ordnung, a 1910 LHS graduate, taught in a Rock County country school before her marriage. Philip, the oldest of the two children, graduated from LHS in 1936, went on to higher education and eventually became a professor at Yale and later at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he taught until his retirement. In the summer of 2000, Philip was elected into the Rock County Hall of Fame. Harvey, after graduating from LHS in 1940, remained at home to work with his parents on the family farm. Up until his death in 2007, Harvey continued to live on the farm where he was born. Harvey was a very avid supporter of the local Dollars for Scholars program.

Polzin Family Scholarship

June Polzin and her children, LHS graduates Patti (1973), Tim (1977), and Jenny (1983) established this scholarship, with donations from family and friends, following the death of Sam on November 30, 2017. Sam and his family moved to Luverne in 1957 after he graduated from Mankato State University. Sam joined the faculty of LHS that year, and continued teaching shop and graphic arts classes for 30 years, retiring in 1987. When possible, this scholarship should go to a student planning on attending a trade school or majoring in Education.

Quality Printing Scholarship

Mark Opitz, a 1987 LHS graduate and Annie (Larson) Opitz along with their children, Ashley '12, Tony '16 and Mary '22, established the Quality Printing Scholarship in 2023. In 1999 they opened their business, Quality Printing, with their first location being on Main Street in Luverne. Mark is also currently on the Dollars for Scholars board of directors. "We are dedicated to serving our community and investing in the future of students. We know that kids are our future. We have seen first-hand how beneficial Dollars for Scholars is in the lives of students that are seeking a post-secondary education, and this is one way that we can continually give back to this next generation." Knowing the importance of learning a trade, whenever possible, we would like this scholarship to go to someone attending school for graphics or any trade school.

Ralph and Ruth Herreid Memorial Scholarship

Ralph and Ruth Herreid were well known in Luverne and surrounding areas. Their notoriety grew over the 46 years they owned and operated Herreid's Jewelry Store. (Their store, located in Main Street, was adjacent to the Palace Theatre.) Ralph was also noted as an enthusiastic and dedicated bicyclist. The scholarship, established in 2003, was established by family and friends to preserve the memory of the Herreids, as well as a goodwill gesture in giving back to the community.

Ralph & Marian Savage Memorial Scholarship

The Ralph Savage Memorial Scholarship was established in 2014 by his wife, Marian. In 2018, the Savage family renamed the scholarship the Ralph & Marian Savage Memorial Scholarship upon the death of Marian Savage Olson on June 12, 2018. Ralph was a local farmer and rural mail carrier who lived 3 miles west of Luverne, moving here with Marian in 1962 from Valley Springs,

South Dakota. Ralph served in the Navy Air Corps during World War II. Ralph and Marian loved the farm life where they raised four children, three of whom graduated from Luverne, Robin (1967), Mary (1973), Merle (1976), and Monica. Ralph died unexpectedly on November 26, 1976, at the age of 50. Marian moved back to Valley Springs after Ralph's death and later lived in Sioux Falls and Brandon, South Dakota. Since agriculture was their livelihood while Ralph and Marian lived on the farm, whenever possible this scholarship is to be awarded to a student with an interest in some type of agricultural occupation or a career in agri-business. The first memorial scholarship was awarded in 2014.

Randy Scott Memorial Scholarship

On August 16, 2003, while riding on his motorcycle, Randy Scott lost his life. Scott, a 1967 LHS graduate, was struck by a speeding automobile when it failed to yield for a stop sign. Two months later, family, friends, and motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the tri-state area raised more than \$3,000 and established this scholarship in Randy's memory.

Reverend Martin and Emma Hauser Memorial Scholarship

After graduating from the seminary in 1912, Reverend Martin Hauser served as pastor in several Minnesota communities before arriving in Luverne on March 22, 1925. On that date he was installed as pastor at both Hardwick's Zion and Luverne's St. John's Lutheran churches. In 1962 Reverend Hauser celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry. The late *Star Herald* editor, Al McIntosh, at the time of the anniversary wrote: "His life has been a beacon of strength to many, many, Rock Countians . . . those in his church and those of other denominations." Reverend Hauser and his wife, Emma, had nine children: Martin, Katherine Carstens, '34, Luther, Cyril, '37, Lois Panning, '39, Paul, '42, Bernard, '45, J. George, '46, and Mary Ann Ose, '48. (Martin and Luther were graduated from Concordia Academy, St. Paul, Minnesota.) Following the death of his wife, Emma, in 1952, Reverend Hauser married Myrtle Forsberg, a long-time office nurse to Dr. Charles L. Sherman, in 1958. Myrtle forthwith, and with great aplomb, took on the task of proxy grandmother to 25 grandchildren. The recipient, selected by using the Luverne Dollars for Scholars criteria, is to be a student who plans to enter a four-year academic program.

Richard and Betty Torrison Scholarship

Richard and Betty Torrison were Luverne residents from 1941 through 1953. In 1954 they moved to Brainerd, Minnesota. Richard was a lawyer and Betty was a member of the LHS faculty, teaching science. The Torrison's had two children, both graduates of LHS. After high school graduation, their children Norman Torrison, '50, and Ann Torrison Whalen, '51, attended the University of South Dakota. The recipient of the scholarship, if possible, should be someone with plans to attend USD upon LHS graduation. The first Richard and Betty Torrison Scholarship was awarded in 2004.

Richard "Dick" & Sue Buffington Memorial Scholarship

Richard and Sue moved to the Luverne community in 1965, where they raised their eight children. Richard worked for Tri-State Insurance Company and was involved in many community organizations such as Red Arrow, Scouting, Luverne Community Hospital Board, VFW, Del Hogan Post, and the Elks. He enjoyed bowling, golf, bridge club, gardening and music. Sue worked for the Luverne Community Hospital where she started the Rehab Department. After her retirement, Sue was very active volunteering with Pink Ladies, Hospital Gift Shop, Relay For Life, St. Catherine's

Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters. She also enjoyed bowling, golf, sewing club and traveling. Richard and Sue's strong belief in education is the reason their children, Marybeth '75, Mark '79, Ann '81, John '82, Jean '84, Diana '87, David '88, and Lynn '90, decided to establish this scholarship to assist future LHS graduates with their post-secondary aspirations.

Richard "Dick" Wildung Memorial Scholarship

At Richard "Dick" Wildung's death in March, 2006, many dollars were given to the local scholarship program in Wildung's memory, but not enough to qualify for a perpetual scholarship. In November, 2006, LHS graduate Norm Torrison added to Dick's memorial an amount necessary to establish a perpetual scholarship in the name of the former Green Bay Packer football player. Torrison has always been impressed with Wildung as a person as well as his athleticism. After Wildung graduated from Luverne in 1939, he attended the U of M, playing football for the legendary Bernie Bierman. Upon graduating from college, Wildung suited-up for the war. At the conclusion of World War II, Wildung signed a football contract with the Green Bay Packers, playing professionally for several seasons. The first perpetual Dick Wildung Memorial scholarship was awarded in May, 2007.

Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Robert Jensen, a 1960 LHS graduate, passed away on April 23, 2016. He served in the MN National Guard from 1964-1970. He worked at Thermo King Refrigeration before working with Eilliot & Anderson Floor Covering for over twenty eight years. Prior to his death, Robert generously set aside a certain sum of money for the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program.

Robert and Judith Latham Memorial Scholarship

Robert and Judith Latham grew up around Elkton, S. Dak., and eventually moved to Luverne in 1973. At that time, Robert started his insurance agency, Latham Insurance, and served as manager for the Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company. In their later years, the Lathams bought Taco John's restaurant to Luverne. After struggling with cancer, Judith passed away on May 6, 1991. Robert passed away on December 11, 2003. Because Robert and Judith both believed so strongly in the value of education, their three children, Lisa, Michael and Steve established this scholarship in their memory. Since the Lathams were business owners and actively involved in the community, the recipient, if possible, should be an individual who was involved in the community during their high school years, with plans of pursuing a career in business. The first scholarship awarded in 2004.

Robert & Patricia Hendricks Family Scholarship

Before coming to Luverne, Bob and Pat Hendricks both grew up in northern Wisconsin. They left their families in Ladysmith when Bob enrolled at Iowa State University on the GI Bill. Upon graduating with a dairy science degree, Bob took a job with Terrace Park Dairy, which brought the family to Luverne in 1955. At that time, they had two children, Jennifer and Mark (both LHS graduates 1969 and 1973.) Three more kids were born while the family was in Luverne: Melinda, Greg, and Mary, all who graduated from O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. Bob was the manager of the Terrace Park ice cream facility until 1973, when he transferred to a new position with Terrace Park in Sioux Falls. He and Pat settled into a new life, but forever cherished the memories and their friends, activities and life in Luverne. They were active volunteers

at St. Catherine's Church, school activities, little league baseball and being good neighbors. A few proud remembrances were Bob's involvement with the Tri-State Band Festival origination committee and his commitment to reasonable-priced housing for the elderly. Bob worked at the dairy until poor health prompted his retirement in 1983. Patricia worked at Dayton's in Sioux Falls for 15 years. Bob passed away in 2002 at the age of 76. Patricia passed away in 2020 at the age of 91. They are lovingly missed by their children. College education was an assumed extension of high school experiences for the Henricks kids. All five children went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees, and believe college life turned out to be a watershed in each of their lives. The family requests, whenever possible, to award this scholarship to a student with exemplary academics who plans to attend SDSU in Brookings, SD.

Rock County Pheasants Forever Scholarship

Rock County Pheasants Forever Conservation Group has been in Rock County for the past 41 years, created in 1984. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a student who plans to study environmental sciences, conservation, wildlife enforcement or a member of Pheasants Forever.

Rock County V.F.W. 2757 Auxiliary Scholarship

Seeing the need to reach out and assist graduates with post-secondary expenses, the V.F.W. Auxiliary established this scholarship in 2002. Although the recipient is selected by using the Dollars for Scholars criteria, if possible, the recipient should be a student whose parent(s) was a member of the armed forces.

Rock County V.F.W. Post 2757 Scholarship

The V.F.W. established the Rock County V.F.W. Post 2757 scholarship to assist a graduating Luverne High School senior with his or her post-secondary education.

Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort Family Scholarship

Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort graduated from Luverne High School in 1968. Their two sons Matthew and Monti also graduated from LHS; Matthew in 1991 and Monti in 1996. The boys were very involved in many ways with their school and both attended college after high school. They would like to assist an LHS graduate to have the opportunity to further their education. The Luverne Public School has given the Ossenfort family many things to be grateful for and they are very happy and honored to help someone else.

Roger McClure Memorial Scholarship

Shortly after graduating from LHS in 1960, Roger McClure went to work at Iowa Beef Processors (IBP) in Luverne. Roger worked at IBP for nearly 20 years, until cancer claimed his life on April 13, 1982. Surviving Roger was his wife, Patricia Kent, and two daughters, Melissa and Cathy. Patricia, Melissa, and Cathy are all LHS graduates. The family requests this scholarship, whenever possible, be awarded to an individual who plans to attend a technical school. The first scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Ron & Anita Boyenga Scholarship

Anita (Wiese) Boyenga was a 1960 graduate of Luverne High School. She raised five children, loved to garden, sorted cattle on the farm, plus a lot more. Ron was a farmer, cattle feeder and was a Rock County Commissioner for 32 years. He served on many committees and boards, including various church and charity boards.

The first Ron & Anita Boyenga Scholarship was awarded in May of 2024.

Ron Klein Memorial Scholarship

Ron Klein was the kind of friend everyone hopes to have in life, loyal, full of heart and unforgettable. He had a laugh that still echoes in the memories of those who loved him, and a presence that made every moment feel like it mattered. He was a planner, a loyal teammate, a fast runner and a great athlete. But above all, Ron was a great person. A proud senior at Magnolia High School, Ron's life was cut tragically short due to a gun accident at the beginning of his senior year. Though gone far too soon, the mark he left on his friends and community remains strong. They still remember those Friday nights out with the boys, Saturday nights with girlfriends and the everyday moments that made high school feel like home. His friendships were real, his loyalty deep and his character steady. Whenever possible, this scholarship is awarded to the unsung hero of the track team, the runner who might not always cross the finish line first, but whose dedication, perseverance and team spirit inspire others to keep going. It honors the student who shows up to every meet ready to work, who supports teammates through setbacks and who runs not just with their legs, but with their heart. This scholarship is a tribute to Ron's memory, spirit and the way he lived his life, with joy, loyalty and heart. It honors the runner who leads not by titles, but by heart, and was established by Steve and Shirley Top in loving memory of a precious brother.

Ron Visker Memorial Scholarship

Ron Visker, a 1969 LHS graduate, was an outstanding basketball player. Selected to the 1969 All-State high school basketball team, Ron went on to play college basketball, first with Bemidji State College and later with Texas Lutheran College. Before moving to Oklahoma City in 1986, Ron coached girls basketball at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas. As a result of a massive heart attack, Ron died March 26, 2004, at the age of 53. During the summer of 2004, his brother and sisters established this scholarship in Ron's memory, with the first scholarship awarded in 2005. Because of Ron's love for the game of basketball, the recipient should be an individual—boy or girl—who plans to pursue basketball at the post-secondary level.

Roxanne Holtrop Memorial Scholarship

Roxanne Holtrop, at the age of 45, died on Thursday, August 12, 2004, at the Hospice Cottage in Luverne. The Holtrop family, Dennis, Roxanne, and their two girls, moved from the Fulda, Minnesota, area to Luverne in 1985. Roxanne had a very close relationship with the Luverne school system. Shortly after moving to Luverne, she became employed with the school, first as a paraprofessional and later as the special education secretary in the Luverne Elementary School. The Holtrops' two daughters, Sarah and Dawn, are graduates of Luverne, graduating in 2000 and 2003, respectively. The first Roxanne Holtrop Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2005.

Russell M. Gabrielson Memorial Scholarship

Russell M. Gabrielson, a life-long farmer and resident of Rock County, passed away October 19, 2007. Family and friends established the scholarship in Russell's memory. Whenever possible, the Russell M. Gabrielson scholarship is to be awarded to a first generation, post-secondary-bound student seeking a degree in either an agricultural or natural resources program. Russell is the father of Patricia, Greg, and Kathy, each graduating from LHS in '66, '68,

and '78, respectively. The first Russell M. Gabrielson scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2008.

Ryan Fisher Memorial Scholarship

The Ryan Fisher Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 by classmates and friends in his memory. Jennifer Golla, '95, instigated the Memorial when she initially sent letters to classmates asking for their help. In her letter Jennifer stated: "On July 24, 1996, we lost a classmate, friend, family member, and a one-of-a-kind person. An extraordinary student, athlete, and a community standout, he touched the lives of many from the first day the Fishers arrived in Luverne" Ryan was killed in a one-car mishap while traveling from Luverne to Wilmont to play baseball. It was a sport he excelled in, and a sport Ryan loved.

Sandra Stoakes Hohn Scholarship

Sandra Stoakes Hohn was born and raised in Luverne, MN. She attended Luverne Public Schools as part of the Class of 1963 from kindergarten through 9th grade. Sandra returned to Luverne after graduating from West High in Minneapolis and attending Minneapolis Business School. She enjoyed life in Luverne up until retirement. Even though Sandra did not graduate from LHS, she has always felt a part of the Class of 1963 and has continued to attend all their events, keep in touch with her classmates and stay informed about the happenings at Luverne High School. She is so proud of the students that have graduated from LHS. She started the Sandra Stoakes Hohn Scholarship Fund as a way to contribute to the education of future LHS graduates. Whenever possible this scholarship shall be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in the medical field. The first Sandra Stoakes Hohn Scholarship was awarded in May of 2025.

Security Savings Bank Scholarship

The Security Savings Bank Scholarship was established to demonstrate the bank's support for graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond the high school years.

Serie-Skattum Family Scholarship

The Serie-Skattum Family Scholarship was initiated by family members and friends in 2004 shortly after the loss of Roberta "Bobbie" Skattum Serie. On December 30, 2003, after a nine-month struggle with cancer, Bobbie, who was 61 years young, succumbed to cancer. The family requests this scholarship, if possible, be awarded to an individual involved in high school athletics and who plans to attend a technical college.

Shelby Sisters Scholarship

Gail, Shirley and Inez Shelby, daughters of Alfred and Mabel Shelby, grew up on a dairy farm in Luverne. They graduated from LHS in '47, '49 and '50 respectively and have fond memories of an idyllic childhood. Luverne in the '30s and '40s was a comfortable, friendly place where everyone knew each other and long-lasting friendships were made. The small town values they learned have served them well and they have led happy and successful lives. They are proud LHS graduates and have enjoyed reading the high school newsletter over the decades as a way to keep in touch with their hometown. Inez passed away in March of 2016, but Gail and Shirley are in good health and spirits and excited about the opportunity to support LHS graduates with this scholarship. Their hope is that this scholarship will be awarded to an individual with a genuine desire to learn and create a brighter future.

Sherman Family Scholarship

Roger Sherman and his wife, Phyllis Hagen Sherman, both 1952 LHS graduates, established the Sherman Family Scholarship during the winter of 1996. The scholarship is in memory of Roger's grandparents, parents, and brother. His grandfather, Dr. Charles L. Sherman, practiced medicine in Luverne for more than 60 years. Roger's father, Russell, a 1921 LHS graduate, worked in the Rock County Bank. Roger's mother, Blanche, taught and coached in the Luverne school during the years 1928 and 1929. His brother, Charles, was a member of the Class of '49.

Shirley Klosterbuer Scholarship

Shirley Klosterbuer grew up on a farm in Rock County and started her education at District 24 in Kanaranzi Township. She graduated from Ellsworth High School, received her BS in mathematics from South Dakota State University and her MS in computer science from the University of New Mexico. She worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM for 30 years, mainly in the field of nuclear non-proliferation. She wrote the software for portable instruments designed to measure the kind and amounts of nuclear material and helped develop the remote unattended monitoring system used by the International Atomic Energy Agency. She returned to Luverne in 2011 and became active in the community. Whenever possible, the scholarship will be awarded to a woman entering a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) field.

Siebert Family Scholarship

Darrel & Eleanor Siebert moved to Luverne in 1965. Both were involved in the medical field during their working years. They were also involved in their children's activities. Alan, Ann and Amy graduated from Luverne High School in 1976, 1981, and 1987. Whenever possible the scholarship will be presented to a student interested in the healthcare field.

Stager Family Scholarship

Evelyn Stager was born and raised in Luverne. Upon graduating from high school in 1924, she attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1927 with a major in Latin and a minor in English and history. After teaching school in several Iowa and Montana communities, Evelyn obtained a job in the War Department at the start of World War II. In 1947, Evelyn returned home to help her father with his rental properties, a job she maintained almost up to the time of her death in 1992. Evelyn was an active woman in the community, serving on many boards and organizations. It was Evelyn's wish to establish a scholarship in the Stager name to assist students pursuing an education at a four-year professional college or university.

Stengena Family Farms Scholarship

The Stengena Family Farms Scholarship was established by LHS graduates Robert '64 and Sheila '64 along with their children, Brett '83, Craig '86, Erin '94 and Seth '95, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sheila is a retired LPN and Rob is a "retired" farmer. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to a student pursuing a career in agriculture or healthcare.

Stephen Gits Memorial Scholarship

The Stephen Gits Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Stephen J. Gits, '79, who died in 2001 at the age of forty. The scholarship was established by his parents, Barbara, '52, and Gordon, long-time English teacher at LHS. Steve's siblings

are all Luverne High School graduates—Theresa Gits-Borgstrom, '76, Paul Gits, '78, Mary Reiggins, '82, and Elizabeth Hackett, '84. Chosen on the basis of Dollars for Scholars criteria, the recipient of the scholarship is an LHS graduate who preferably will pursue a career in education.

Steve Hup Memorial Scholarship

Steve Hup, a well-respected farmer in the community, passed away on March 30, 2015 at the age of 59. He grew up near Steen, later moving to the home place near Luverne where he lived until his death. Steve graduated from Luverne High School in 1974. After high school he worked at Terrace Park Dairy in Luverne and then first farmed with his father-in-law and then his father on the family farm. Steve, along with his wife Debbie, raised their family there. Their daughters, Andrea '99 and Lindsay '03, each graduated from Luverne High School. The family requests, whenever possible, to award this scholarship to an honor student that is interested in pursuing an agricultural degree.

Steve Nath Memorial Scholarship

The Steve Nath Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020. Steve was the manager of the Rock County Sportsmen's Club for many years. Steve had a passion for trap shooting and the outdoors. Members of the Rock County Sportsmen's Club established this scholarship in Steve's memory. Whenever possible, this scholarship should be awarded to an individual who participated on the Luverne Trap team and is pursuing a post-secondary education.

Steven Helle Memorial Scholarship

Steve graduated from Luverne in 1977 and continued his education, first at Moorhead and then University of Minnesota, Morris. After college, Steve worked several years at International Telephone and Telegraph. Steve was the son of Oscar Helle and Florence Hoiland Helle. Steve's parents were Luverne graduates as were his sisters Barbara, '75, Sandra, '79, and brother, David, '80. Steve passed away in December of 1996. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be presented to a graduate pursuing a career in business. The first Steve Helle Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Steve & Shirley Top Family Scholarship

Steve Top, a proud graduate of Luverne High School, and Shirley Top, a proud graduate of Magnolia High School, have always valued the strong foundation provided by their local school systems. Their children graduated from Luverne, and now their grandchildren are benefitting from the same supportive community. Steve and Shirley understand the importance of key life attributes – work ethic, giving back to others and the strength to overcome adversity. They believe that true character is not defined by moments of ease but by how a person responds when faced with challenges. They also know that a supportive community can make all the difference during life's tough times. This scholarship is dedicated to a student who has demonstrated exceptional grit and perseverance. It honors someone who, when faced with adversity, choose courage over comfort and resilience over retreat. Steve and Shirley believe that how a person handles life's hardest moments speaks volumes about their character and potential for the future and they are honored to support someone with this scholarship.

Steve & Shirley Top Parent Scholarship

Steve and Shirley Top know that life can change in an instant, and that the loss of a parent during a young person's formative

years can leave a lasting impact. It's a kind of grief that reshapes the world, requiring strength, maturity and resilience well beyond one's years. Grounded in their belief in hard work, compassion and community, Steve and Shirley established this scholarship to support students who have faced this unique hardship. It is their hope that this award not only eases part of the journey ahead, but also reminds the recipient that they are seen, supported and capable of great things. This scholarship is awarded, whenever possible, to a student who has experienced the loss of a parent and has shown remarkable courage and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Steve & Shirley Top Sibling Scholarship

Steve and Shirley Top have long believed that life's hardest moments often reveal a person's deepest strength. Having experienced the loss of siblings early in life, they understand the unique grief and perspective such a loss brings and the importance of supportive community in navigating it. With deep compassion and hope for healing, this scholarship is awarded, whenever possible, to a student who has experienced the loss of a sibling and has shown resilience, courage and a commitment to moving forward with purpose.

"Sunny" Turner Haggard Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Sonia Turner Haggard by Sonia's sister, Joyce Turner Sexton, and Joyce's husband, Bill. Sonia, a 1951 LHS graduate, was more prominently known as 'Sunny' throughout her high school days as well as in her entire adult life. She passed away on February 22, 2003, at the age of 69.

Susan Gramstad Scholarship

Susan Gramstad, the late wife of LHS graduate Norman Gramstad, '50, established this scholarship in 2004. Susan, a teacher in the Milford, Iowa, school district, became involved in the Title I program in the early 1960's when the Federal Government first launched funding for remedial reading and math programs. She devoted her entire adult life working with children who needed a little extra help with reading and math skills. Susan passed away in 1993. A likely recipient will be an LHS graduate pursuing a degree in education.

"TK" Thomas Klein Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Tom (TK) Klein. Tom graduated from Magnolia High School in 1981. He married his wife Sandy (Elias), from Adrian, in 1983 and they lived in the Minneapolis area for 14 years. In 1997 they wanted to move back to the area to raise their three children in a small town just like they did. Tom graduated from Granite Falls with an Accounting degree and started his own business, TK's Accounting. Their three children, Jessica '05, Alyssa '07 and Brandon '12, were graduates of LHS. Tom always said the best years of his life were watching his kids participate in all their school activities at LHS including band and athletics. Tom was an avid sports fan and volunteered his time during the middle school years of their life being one of their coaches in baseball and basketball. He was their biggest supporter on and off the tennis and basketball courts, golf courses, and football and baseball fields. Some of his most treasured lifelong friendships and memories were made with the families through the years at LHS. Tom passed away on November 7, 2020, at the age of 57. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student athlete pursuing a career in the healthcare field as he was so proud of Jessica and Brandon who received their BS Degree in Nursing and Alyssa her BS Degree in Radiologic Sciences.

Talbert Family Scholarship

The Talbert family—Don, Dolly, and son Stewart—all educators, established the Talbert Family Scholarship in 2002. During Don's teaching career he taught math, industrial arts, physical education, and coached athletics at several Minnesota secondary schools. Dolly, who worked the last 23 of a 34-year teaching career in Luverne, closed out her career in 1993 as the school's vocal music instructor. During her tenure in Luverne she was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1989 and Friend of Education in 2001. In addition, she was chosen state Music Educator of the Year for Choir from the Minnesota Music Educators Association in 1992. Stewart, a 1984 LHS graduate, currently teaches social studies in Lake City. The recipient, if possible, should be a senior who plans to pursue a career in education.

Tangeman Family Scholarship

After reading a recent copy of the *Alumni News*, Arthur J. Tangeman, Jr., at the age of 90, felt the "Tangeman Family imprint on Rock County should be remembered." To accomplish the task, he established the Tangeman Family Scholarship. Arthur's grandparents were Andrew and Julia Tangeman. They were born in Iowa, moved to Wascea, and eventually settled in Rock County, where they opened a general merchandise store in Beaver Creek. In 1905, they moved their business from Beaver Creek to Hardwick. They had two children, Verra H. and Arthur J., Sr. Verra, born in 1894, graduated from Carlton College as a teacher and taught music in Minnesota and Michigan. Arthur J., Sr., born in Iowa in 1896, married Dorothy Whyte, the daughter of Hardwick physician Dr. Peter Whyte. In time, Arthur J., Sr. became employed with the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company of St. Paul, working in sales and marketing. Arthur J., Sr. and Dorothy had three children: Arthur J., Jr., Robert Gordon, and Andrew Francis. They were born in 1920, 1924, and 1930, respectively. Arthur J., Jr. graduated from LHS in 1938 and Robert in 1941. Each of these individuals pursued successful careers outside of Rock County. The first Tangeman Family Scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Taylor Mulder Unsung Hero Memorial Scholarship

The Taylor Mulder Unsung Hero Memorial Scholarship honors a young man whose strength, humility and selfless heart touched everyone around him. Taylor was a beloved son and brother, devoted father, a loyal friend, and someone who showed up for others without seeking attention or praise. His high school football coaches recognized these qualities when they awarded him the Unsung Hero Award his senior year – a tribute to his work ethic, his heart, the way he lifted his team simply by being who he was and never needing the spotlight. He faced life's hardest moments battling T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia with courage, grace, and a resilience that inspired everyone around him. Taylor was the kind of person whose impact was felt more than spoken – a true unsung hero in every sense. This scholarship is given in his memory to students who reflect the same quiet heroism and heart he carried so naturally: kindness, humility, strength and the ability to make a difference simply by being who they are. Through this award, Taylor's legacy continues to inspire others to work hard, lift others up and lead with heart, even when no one is watching.

Terry "Butch" Connell Memorial Scholarship

Terry "Butch" Connell graduated from Luverne High School in 1982. He was a car fanatic and loved working on classic cars all his life. Terry attended Dunwoody College in the Cities. When he was going to school, he worked in the tire industry. After

graduation Terry went to work at a dealership in Sioux Falls selling cars. He and his wife Chantel got married in 1989, later raising 2 boys, Jesse & Joshua. Mechanics, cars, and business were a part of Terry's family for many years. His father, David Connell, was a 3rd generation in the car business & owner of Connell Car Care. Terry joined the family business in 1990, working for his father and later buying Connell Car Care when his dad retired, making Terry a 4th generation in the car business & owner of Connell Car Care. In 2010 the business had grown, and Connell Car Care needed more room. Terry and Chantel bought K&R Auto on Highway 75. Here they built a larger shop, so they were able to expand their business even more. Terry loved to call Luverne his home and loved sharing his love & knowledge of cars with everyone in the community. Terry "Butch" Connell passed away November 18th, 2021. He will be remembered for his big heart, genuine smile, and belly laugh. He taught so many of the things he knew and loved about cars to many people & would have loved to give future graduates the opportunity to gain the same knowledge. Whenever possible, the Connell family would like this scholarship to be awarded to a student furthering their education at a tech school or a college for the automotive industry. The first Connell scholarship was awarded in May 2023.

Thomas Klein "Assist" Scholarship

Thomas "TK" Klein was the kind of person who always had a plan, and that plan almost always involved helping someone else. He was a friend, brother, dad, husband, uncle and so much more. TK had a gift for showing up for others when they needed it most. Whether it was a crisis or a quiet struggle, TK found a way to offer support, comfort, or just a presence that reminded you that you weren't alone. He was the guy who threw assists in life, always passing love, time or help to someone else without expecting anything in return. He loved sports, especially his Magnolia Bulldogs, the Luverne Cardinals and the Minnesota Golden Gophers. And while he cheered loudest for the big plays, it was the unselfish ones, the ones that made others better, that he respected most. Whenever possible this scholarship is awarded to the senior with the most assists, a student athlete who, like TK, knows that real greatness isn't just about scoring points, but about creating opportunities for others. The assist is a choice. It's a split-second decision to say, "I see you. I've got you." And that's how TK lived his life. Mental health challenges overwhelmed TK during the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he is missed deeply by all who knew him. But his legacy lives on in the traditions and memories his family continues to build, stories of love, laughter and the way he made others feel. This scholarship was established by Steve and Shirley Top in loving memory of a precious brother.

Toft Family Scholarship

Larry Toft, 1967 LHS graduate, and his wife, Karen, established the Toft Family Scholarship in memory of his parents, Gordon and Margaret Toft, his sister, Joanne, and in honor of his brother Rick, a 1969 LHS graduate. Upon graduating from LHS, Larry attended and graduated from Dakota State University. After 35 years of coaching and teaching physical education in several different Iowa and South Dakota schools, Larry retired in 2011. Because of his passion for teaching and for the love of basketball, the recipient of the Toft Family Scholarship, whenever possible, is to be awarded to a basketball player, boy or girl, choosing to go into the field of education. The first Toft Family Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Tony Scheidt Memorial Scholarship

After a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Tony passed away on Friday, July 9, 2010, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne. Tony was 58 years young. Upon graduating from LHS in 1969, Tony completed basic training for the South Dakota Air National Guard in San Antonio, Texas, and later attended Pipestone Vocational school, where he was schooled in agricultural banking. In 1976, Tony married Pat Schutz. As a couple, Tony and Pat became actively involved in the farming business. During their many busy years of farming, Tony found time to drive a school bus for the Luverne School. In connection with his regular bus route, Tony also hauled many high school athletes to various sporting events. Tony and Pat are the proud parents of three children, each one a LHS graduate. They are Brad, '97, and twins Tracey, '02, and Tyler, '02. The first Tony Scheidt Memorial Scholarship was awarded in May, 2011.

Tri-State Band Festival Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1990 to commemorate the annual Tri-State Band Festival. The band festival, which began in the fall of 1951, is held during the last week of September.

US Bank Scholarship

The scholarship was made possible by the First Bank System, now known as US Bank, through the efforts of the former First Bank (Luverne) president, Don Cashin, as a gesture of the bank's community support.

V. Jean (Soutar) Hoffmeister Memorial Scholarship

V. Jean (Soutar) Hoffmeister graduated from LHS in 1947. For 34 years, she taught high school English, Speech and Theater/Drama in Sherburn, Windom and the Twin Cities area. Jean was born in 1929 to Charles and Ethel Soutar, long time residents of Luverne. Stan Soutar and Elinor Bagbey, her brother and sister, also graduated from LHS/Magnolia. Following high school, Jean attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis graduating with a BA. She subsequently received BS and Masters degrees from Mankato State University. Jean had a life long love of books, learning and teaching. This scholarship was started with contributions from Jean's family, friends, and former faculty members and students.

VanEngelenhoven-Prigge Scholarship

Marjorie VanEngelenhoven Prigge, a 1958 LHS graduate, established this scholarship in honor of her father, Cornelius VanEngelenhoven. Born in Holland during 1903, Cornelius immigrated to Rock County at the age of 17. During his early years in Rock County, Cornelius managed the Luverne Farmer's Elevator. Following this, he owned and operated grain elevators located in Lismore, Little Rock, and Garretson. Eventually, Cornelius returned to Luverne where he became the proprietor of his own feed store business. The recipient is selected by the Dollars for Scholars criteria, but if possible, awarded to a senior who plans to pursue a career in accounting.

Verlyn and Betty Mann Scholarship

The Verlyn and Betty Mann Scholarship was established by Betty during the winter of 2012. Verlyn J. Mann, a lifelong Rock County resident and farmer, passed away on May 13, 2000. While Verlyn was tilling the soil, Betty worked as an elementary educator for Luverne Public Schools. Although Betty has retired from the school system, she remains extremely active with Rock County history, and in particular with the Rock County Historical Society.

As a result of her knowledge of Rock County's glorious past, Betty submits a historical article which is featured in the Rock County Star-Herald on a weekly basis. Both Verlyn and Betty graduated from LHS in 1948. The first Verlyn and Betty Mann Scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

Verna Lou Shelby Hoiland Memorial Scholarship

Verna Lou Shelby Hoiland, a member of the Class of 1950, passed away August 26, 2002. Prior to her death, Verna was actively involved in her church, enjoyed growing flowers and herbs, was a lifetime member of the Luverne Country Club, and taught swimming lessons at the Rock County Community Pool. Verna is survived by her husband, Dave, who is also a member of the Class of 1950. Verna and Dave had six children, all LHS graduates. Suanne Ohme, '70, Pam, '73, Peggy Anderson, '73, Mark, '75, Angela, '81, and Matthew, '93. (Verna was preceded in death by her daughter Peggy. See Peg Hoiland Anderson Memorial Scholarship). The first Verna Lou Shelby Hoiland Memorial Scholarship, established in her memory by LHS classmates, was awarded in May, 2005.

Vernon Aanenson Scholarship

Vernon Aanenson, a 1932 LHS graduate, seized the opportunity to purchase a small St. Paul-based snack food company in 1951. From that time on, Vernon successfully grew and developed Old Dutch Foods into a profitable, family-owned business which continues to provide snack food to people living in the Midwest and parts of Canada. In late 1997, Vernon, who was born and raised in Rock County, seized yet another opportunity. This opportunity was to establish a perpetual scholarship designed to assist other Rock County kids with their post secondary education.

Vickie (Lass) Van Dyke Memorial Scholarship

Vickie was raised on a farm outside of Luverne and was involved in volleyball and basketball while attending high school. Vickie was a graduate of the Class of 1980 and was married to Larry "Hoke" from the Class of 1972. They raised two children, Mark (2005) and Christy (2008) on their farm near Hardwick. She worked writing commercial insurance for Continental Western Group for many years. The family requests this scholarship be awarded to a student attending college to pursue a career in agriculture or insurance. This scholarship was first awarded to the Class of 2026.

Virgil and Ilse Thompson and Sons Scholarship

Virgil Thompson, a lifelong resident of Rock County, was probably best known as "Luverne's favorite milkman," a job he began in the late 1940's and held for nearly 26 years. In Virgil's early twenties, he served in World War II. While stationed in Germany he met his wife, Ilse, who was living in Wiesbaden. Virgil's wife, known as Rock County's first war bride, became a United States citizen in 1950. Ilse was an avid poet and author. Perhaps her best known publication is her own autobiography titled *Kidnapped from Mama's Arms*. The Thompsons had three children, all of which graduated from Luverne High School. They are Steve, '66, David, '69, and Chuck, '72. The first Virgil and Ilse Thompson Scholarship was awarded in 2006.

Walgrave Family Scholarship

The Walgrave family has lived and worked in Rock County for several generations, serving on many boards over the years; school, cemetery, chamber, CVB, St. Catherines, 4-H to name a few. They are members of St. Catherine's Catholic Church. They are proud

business owners of Luverne Monuments, which makes cemetery memorials customized to your interests, and Those Blasted Things, selling gemstones, jewelry, souvenirs and other cool stuff. Whenever possible, the family would like this scholarship to be awarded to a student going into any given field with the intent of using their education to work and give back when they can.

Walter & Betty Deutsch Family Scholarship

The Deutsch Family Scholarship was established in 2017 by Walt's wife, Betty, and family – LHS graduates - Douglas (Colleen) 1979, Debbie Semke 1982, and Deanna Ernster 1984, and grandchildren Amber Winkels 2002, Caitlyn 2009, Derek 2011 and Dustin 2013 as a memorial to Walt who passed away on October 29, 2017. Walt and Betty owned and managed the Luverne Drive-In from 1966 to 1983. Walt had worked at AR Woods, Northco and FACCO USA. Betty worked at the Rock County Law Enforcement office as a dispatcher for over 20 years. This scholarship was established to assist LHS graduates to attend a college or technical school to further their education.

Wayne C. Tilstra Memorial Scholarship

Studying at home during his senior year, Wayne Tilstra was presented a Luverne High School diploma on May 2, 1978. One week later (May 9, 1978), after fighting a yearlong battle with cancer, Wayne passed away. The Wayne C. Tilstra Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 by his brother and two sisters, LHS graduates Harold Tilstra, '69, Karen Tilstra Rollag, '72, and Luanne Tilstra, '79. If possible, the recipient should be a student who is interested in science or agriculture.

Witte Family Scholarship

The Witte Family Scholarship was established in the spring of 2020 as a memorial to Paul "Stan" Witte Jr. – husband and father. Although Stan graduated from high school in Memphis, TN and from the University of Alabama, he embraced his adopted community and school. The rest of the family graduated or will graduate from Luverne High School – Lori (Ask) '84, Lauren '11, Paul '16 and Meghan '20. Whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to a student who has a passion for the creative arts. This may include but is not limited to an artist, a photographer, a storyteller, an actor, a dancer or a choreographer.

Wulf Family Scholarship

The Wulf Family Scholarship was established in the spring of 2013 by family and friends as a memorial to Art Wulf—husband and father. The Wulf family are all graduates of LHS, Art '58, wife Carol (Reu) '59, daughter Cindy Boyum '80, sons Randy '82 and Christopher '92, and daughter Rachel Ask '94. All six members of the Wulf family attended college and wish to assist future LHS graduates in their ability to fulfill their dreams of a college or technical school education.

PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A gift of \$2,000 or more, referred to as an “endowment”, given to the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program becomes a perpetual scholarship. Only the income earned from the endowments is given to a student in the form of a scholarship. The uniqueness of an endowed gift is that it allows a scholarship to be given each and every year, forever, to a fresh, qualifying LHS graduate. Initially, the donor has the opportunity to attach a name to the endowment. Then each year a selected graduate receives a scholarship bearing that name. Once a perpetual scholarship is established, additional dollars—no matter what amount—may be added, at any time, to the endowment. These additional dollars increase the size of the endowment, which in turn increases the amount given as a scholarship to qualifying graduates in future years. During this past year additional dollars were added to these previously endowed scholarships:

Allen W. Pierson Memorial Scholarship	Glen’s Food Center Scholarship
Bill & Joyce Turner Sexton Scholarship	Golla Family Scholarship
Calene Birky Williams Scholarship	Gordon “Swede” Lucylle “Tillie” & William “Bill” Jarchow Scholarship
Calvin & Katie Hemme Scholarship	Gordon Gits Memorial Scholarship
Carson Ehde Memorial Scholarship	Kimberly Sedlacek Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1963	Lloyd & Ruth Dietrich Schlapkohl Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1965	Mark Smith Memorial Scholarship
Craig Becker Memorial Scholarship	Miss Hannah’s Memorial College Fund
David L. Eberlein Scholarship	Norma Gangestad Scholarship
Dr. Ervin & Evelyn Boone Memorial Scholarship	Onno & Mildred Klosterbuer Memorial Scholarship
Everett & Jan Brandenburg Family Scholarship	Pam Ehde Lais Memorial Scholarship
First Dakota Trust & Investments Scholarship	Shirley Klosterbuer Scholarship
Forrest Family Scholarship	Stegenga Family Farms Scholarship
Gary H. Petersen Memorial Scholarship	Terry “Butch” Connell Memorial Scholarship
Glaser Family Scholarship	

PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED DURING 2026

Since May, 2025, when scholarships were presented to graduates from the Class of 2025, eleven new perpetual scholarships were established with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program. These new scholarships, established during the 2025-2026 school year, are listed below. They were awarded for the first time in May, 2026, to qualifying LHS graduates from the Class of 2026.

Dispanet Family Scholarship	Marlyn & Karen Roberts Family Scholarship
Edward & Joan Salzer Family Scholarship	Okie & Cleone Honken Memorial Scholarship
Hal Wildung Music Scholarship	Rock County Pheasants Forever Scholarship
Jane Gropel Memorial Scholarship	Taylor Mulder Unsong Hero Memorial Scholarship
Keitel Kids Scholarship	Vickie (Lass) Van Dyke Memorial Scholarship
Luverne Softball Association Legacy Scholarship	

2026 NON-PERPETUAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Individuals, clubs, businesses, memorials, and organizations contributing \$250 or more to Dollars for Scholars during the current school year have their names attached to a scholarship. During the 2025-2026 school-year, gifts greater than \$249 but less than \$2,000 were received and scholarships given in memory of the following individuals:

Tim Palank Memorial Scholarship	Dianne Heckt Carlson Memorial Scholarship
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OTHER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

A.R. Wood Scholarship

Arthur Wood, founder of the former A.R. Wood Manufacturing Company which was based in Luverne, established the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust in 1963 to assist Luverne graduates entering a 4-year degree granting institution. The scholarship program not only awards scholarships to current graduates, but also provides renewable scholarships to LHS graduates. Award selections are made in July, and are based on applications received by June 1 of the current year.

Gunderson Scholarship

Gerald Gunderson, a former Rock County farmer, established the Gunderson Scholarship in 1977 to specifically assist students entering some type of agri-business occupation. Award selections for the Class of 2026 will be made in September, 2026. Last year, five students from the Class of 2025 were selected for this scholarship and were granted scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 each. The total dollars dispersed in 2025 was \$5,000.

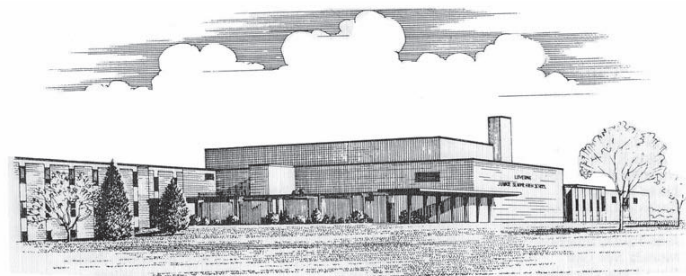
W.F. Finke Scholarship

Outstanding students in forensics are eligible to receive scholarships which are donated in memory of W.F. Finke. The students selected to receive the award this year were:

Zander Carbonneau Award Amount: \$500
Rebecca Hoogland Award Amount: \$500

Norm Torrison/USD Scholarship

Qualifying Luverne Dollars for Scholars recipients who attend USD and maintain a 3.3 GPA are eligible to receive an additional scholarship of \$1,000 during their sophomore, junior and senior years. Graduate students enrolled in the College of Fine Arts, the School of Education and/or the School of Health Sciences at USD are also eligible for these additional scholarship funds. These amounts are in addition to the scholarship awards made to Luverne Dollars for Scholars recipients from other sources. Students should contact the financial aid office at USD about receiving this additional scholarship. Norm, a great supporter of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program, is a 1950 LHS graduate as well as a 1955 USD graduate.



Luverne PEO Chapter DI Daisy Scholarship

PEO is a Philanthropic Educational Organization where women around the world celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. This scholarship is awarded to a female high school senior who best meets the requirements set forth. The funds for this scholarship are held at the Rock County Community Foundation.

Hannah Woodley Award Amount: \$500

Josh Stroh Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created to remember and celebrate the life of Josh Stroh. Josh was a freshman at Luverne High School when he passed away. He had a love for sports but his favorite was baseball. Being part of a team and the brotherhood of teammates was what he enjoyed most. The boys in red and white knew that Josh would be the teammate that put moral support at the top of the batting order every game. Rest in peace #8. The funds for this scholarship are held at the Rock County Community Foundation.

Joshua Hansen Award Amount: \$250
Blake Sauer Award Amount: \$250

Joyce Hawes Memorial Scholarship

The Joyce Hawes Memorial Scholarship has been established to provide support for those women of Rock County who face barriers that make the pursuit of post-secondary education especially challenging. The scholarship seeks to reward, in particular, those special young women who see education as a means to benefit not only themselves, but also their families and their communities. The funds for this scholarship are held at the Rock County Community Foundation.

Madison Schepel Award Amount: \$1,000

Papik Family Music Scholarship

In 2001, Gary and Janine (Jordahl) Papik ('69) established this scholarship in honor of their three children: Heidi Papik Sehr ('94), Gretchen Papik Jepperson ('96) and Jordan Papik ('01). The annual scholarship award is given to a student who was involved in both band and choir all four years of high school and plans to continue with music.

Hannah Kempema Award Amount: \$300
Hannah Woodley Award Amount: \$300



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